

"Combines **wonderful characters**
and **history** to create a story that will
make you want to dive right in!"

—**JERRY CRAFT**, author of the
Newbery Award-winning *New Kid*



SWIM TEAM

**SMALL WAVES,
BIG CHANGES.**

Novel

NIE CHRISTMAS



SWIM TEAM





**GOODBYE
BREE!**

from Ms. Jackson's
class

Gonna Miss You!
-Lashay

Adios Bree
-Lucia

TREVOR

Posta la
Pizza, baby
-Jey ☺

Florida Pocket Wildlife Guide



LEATHERBACK
SEA TURTLE



BOTTLENOSE
DOLPHIN



AMERICAN
ALLIGATOR



FLORIDA
PANTHER

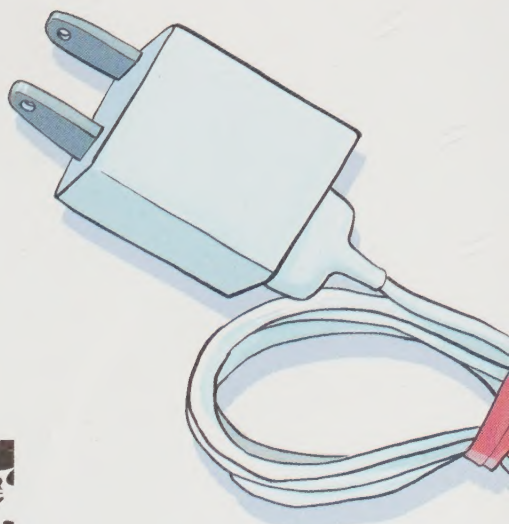




MATH
PUZZLES

JOHNNIE CHRISTMAS

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Moving
DO LIST
Keys!
snacks



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For future swimmers,
wherever they may be

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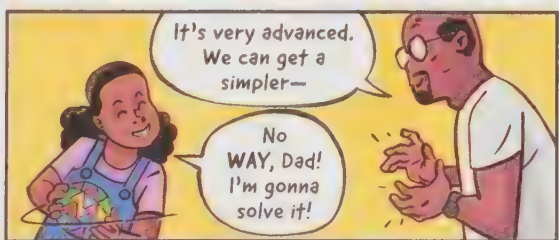
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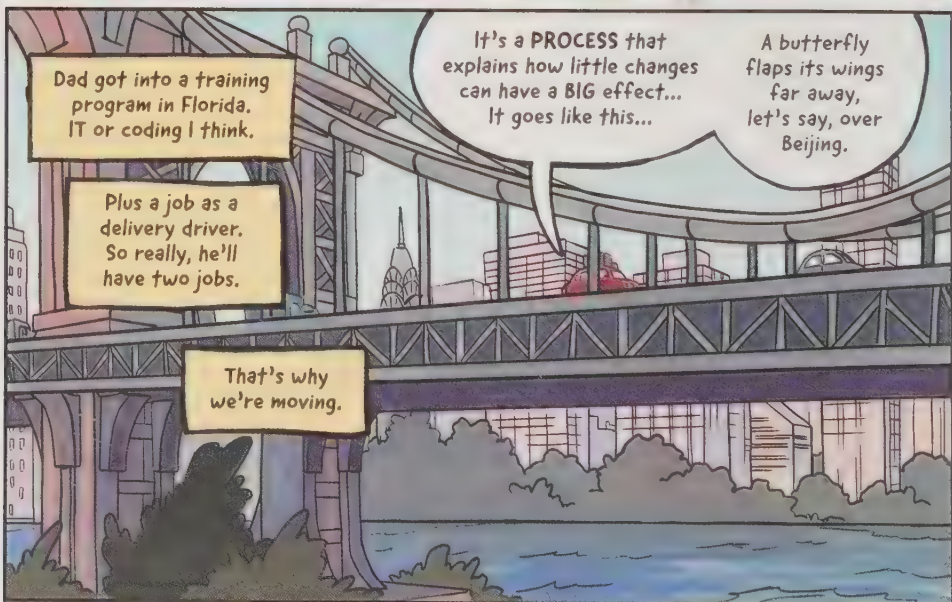
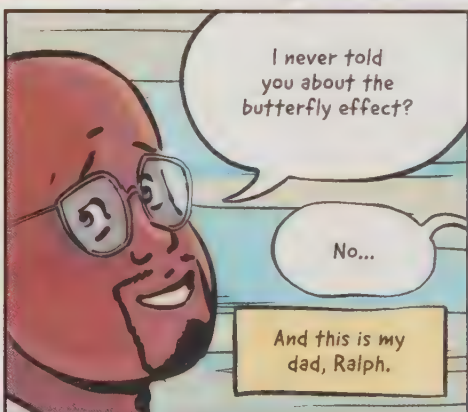
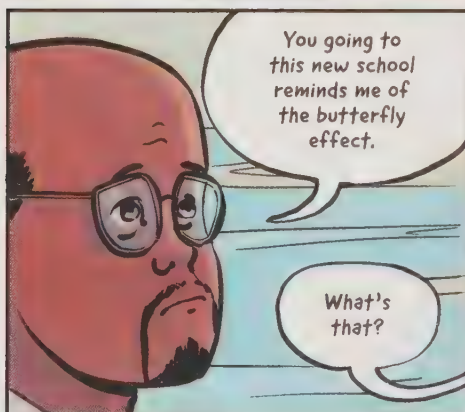
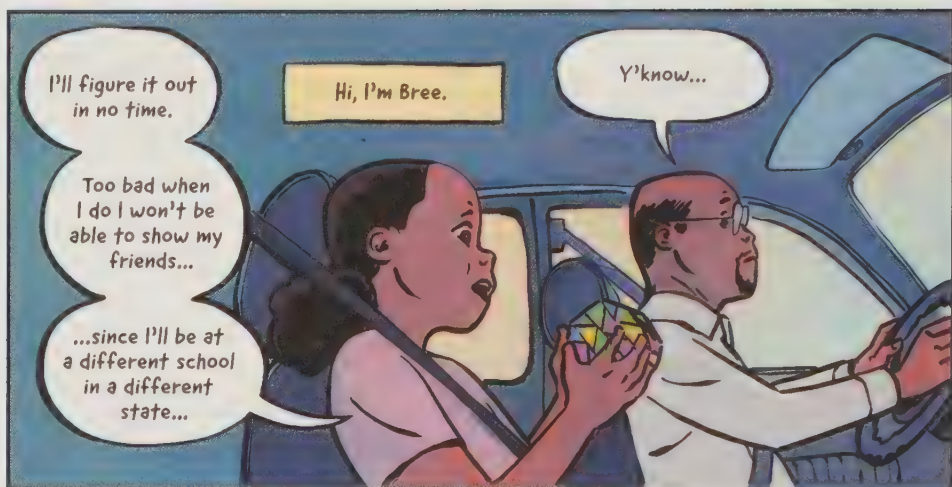
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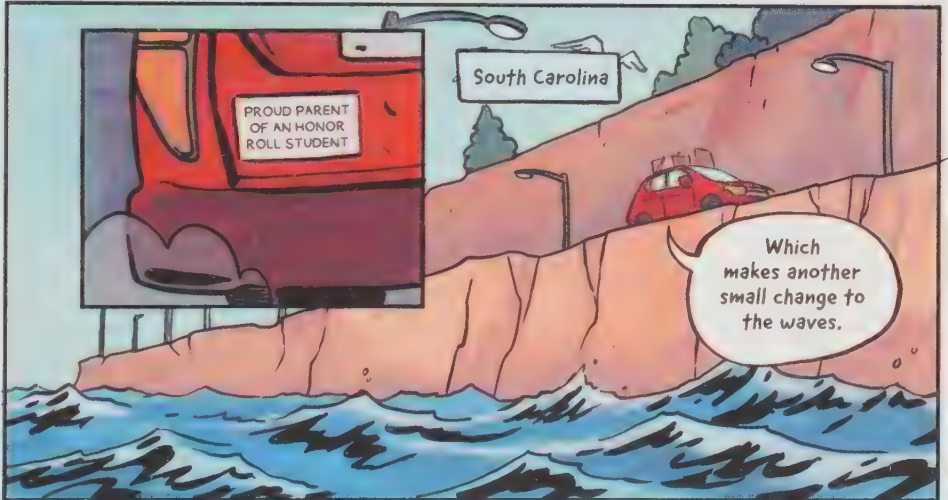
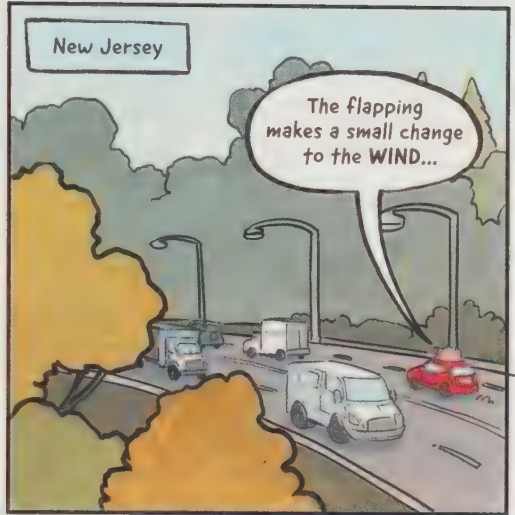
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Butterflies









Florida

...and by
the time those
changes appear
far, far away...

Like
Florida?

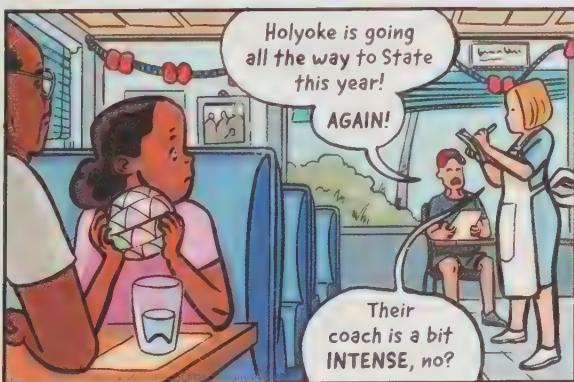
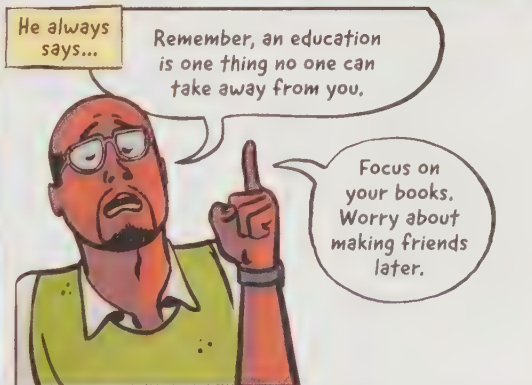
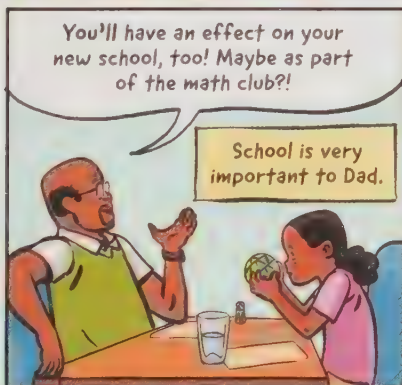
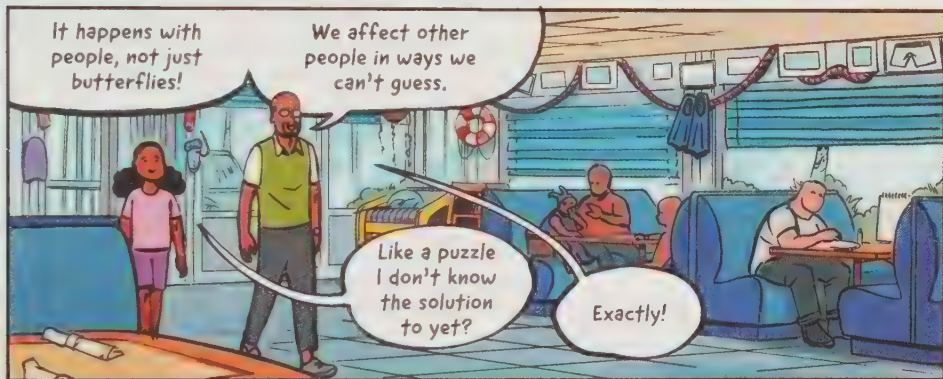
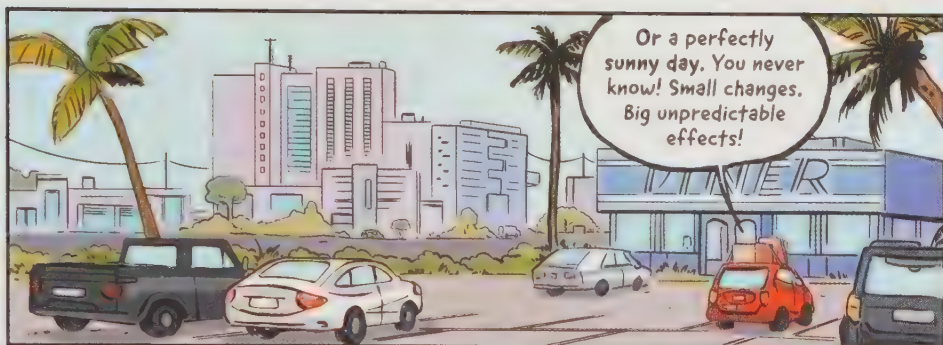
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Like Florida.

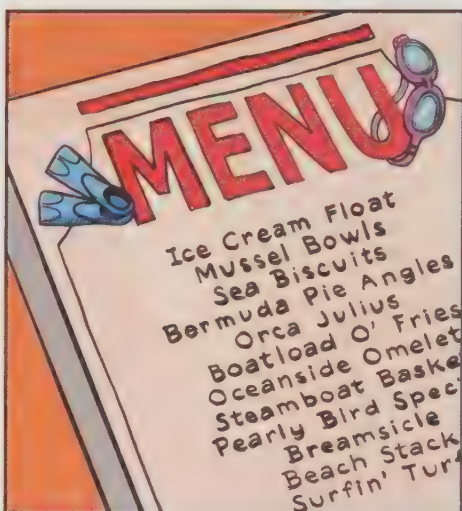
Those tiny
wings can lead to
whipping winds, churning
seas, and a mighty
STORM...

HOLYOKE PREP
SWIM TEAM!

5-TIME CHAMPIONS!

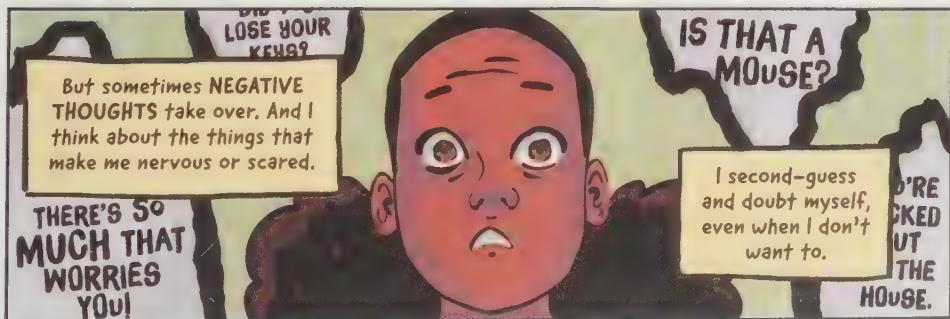
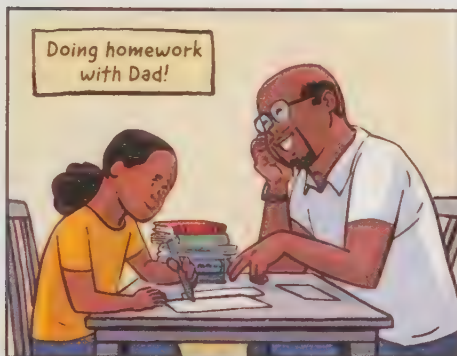
welcome to
PALMETTO
SHORES



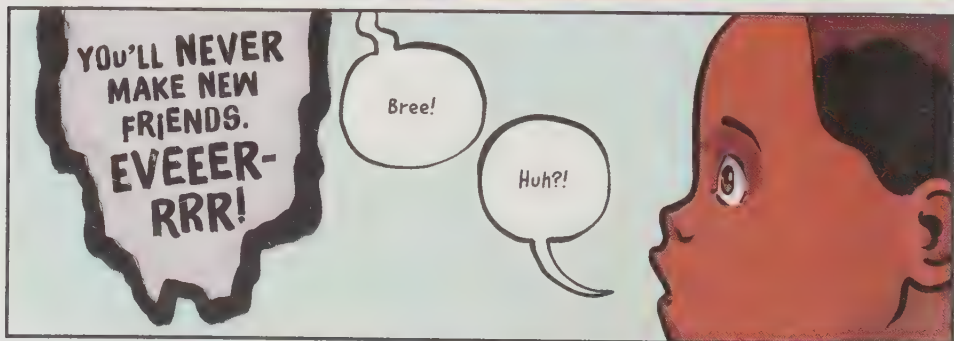
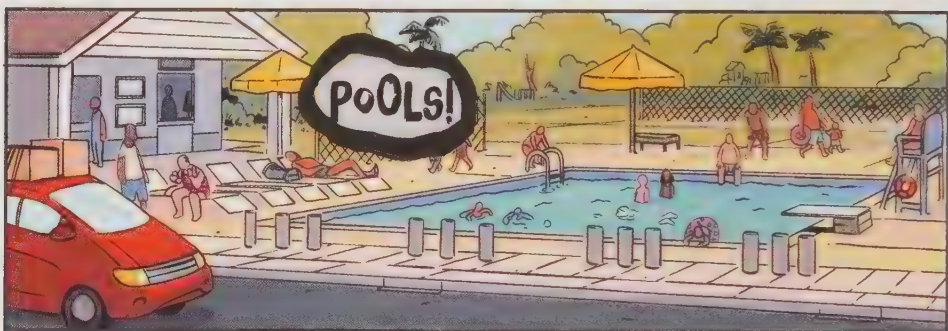


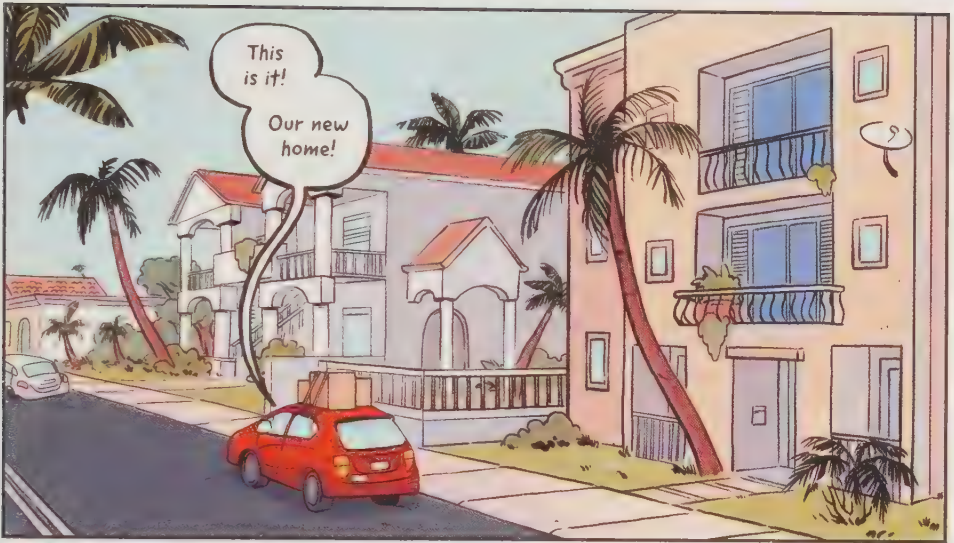


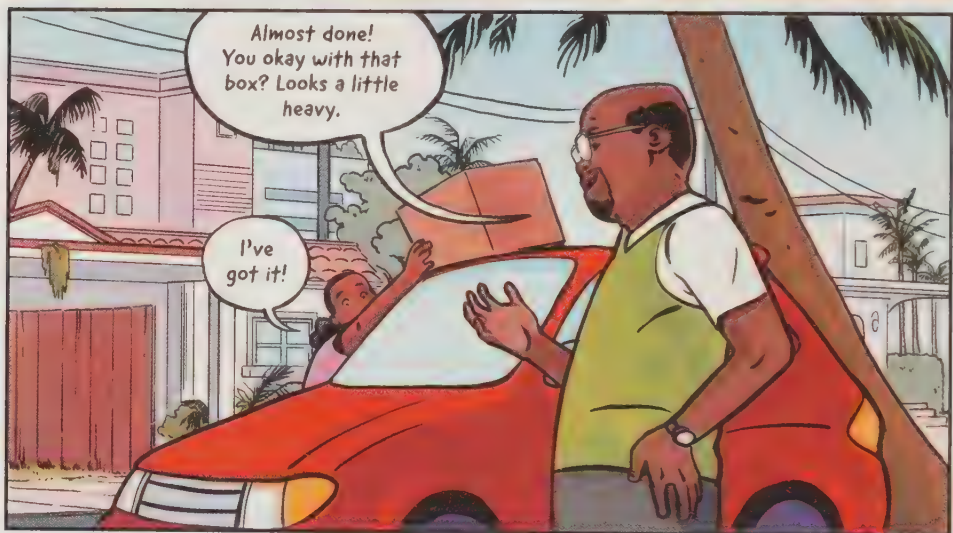
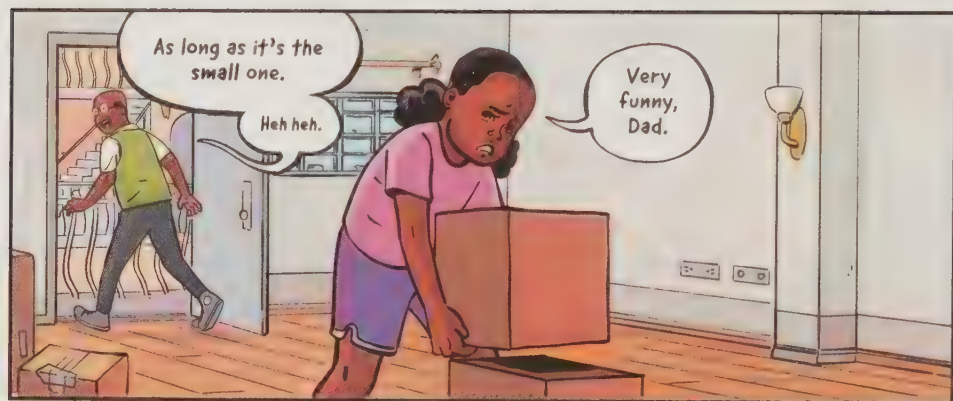
BREE'S FAVORITE THINGS

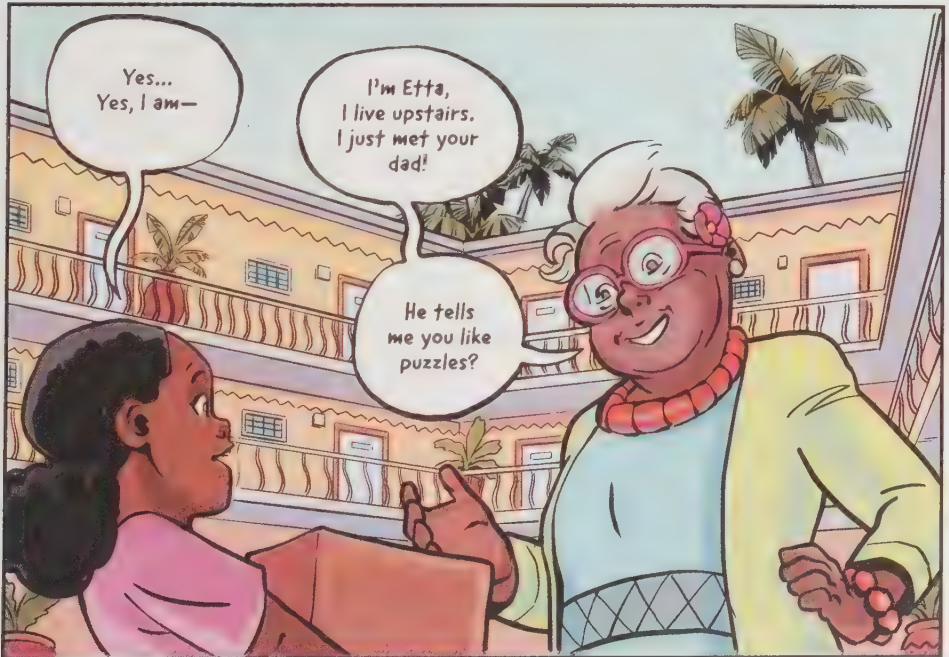
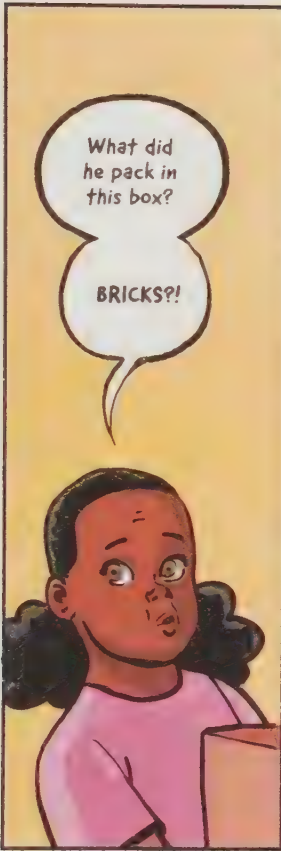


STUFF BREE DOESN'T LIKE!



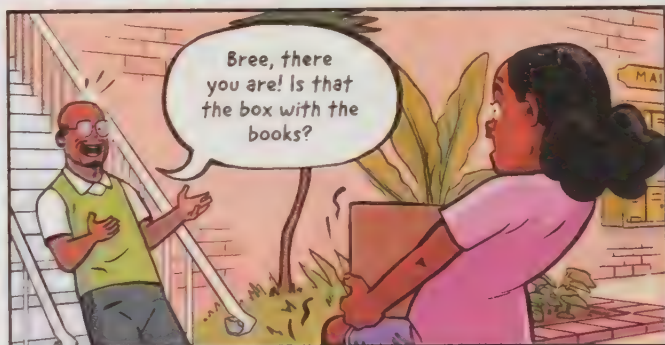
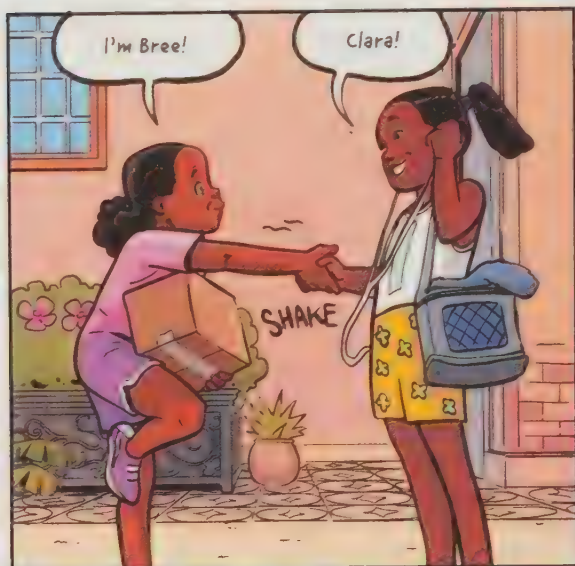


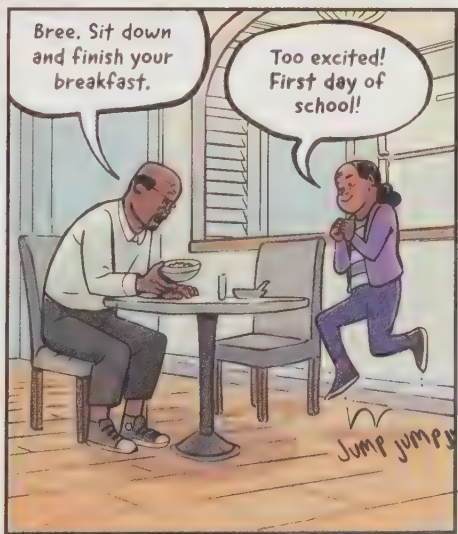
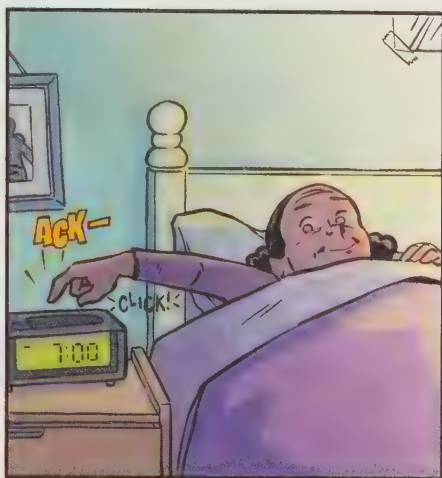
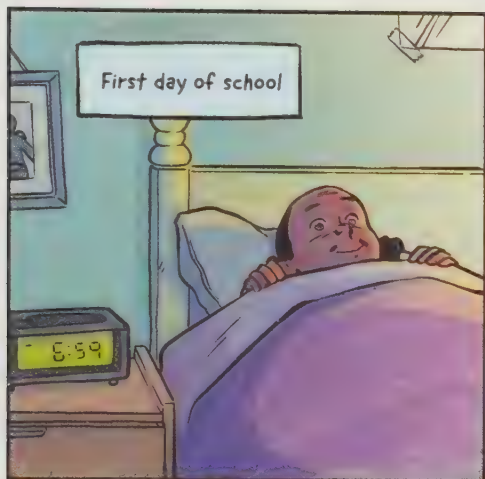


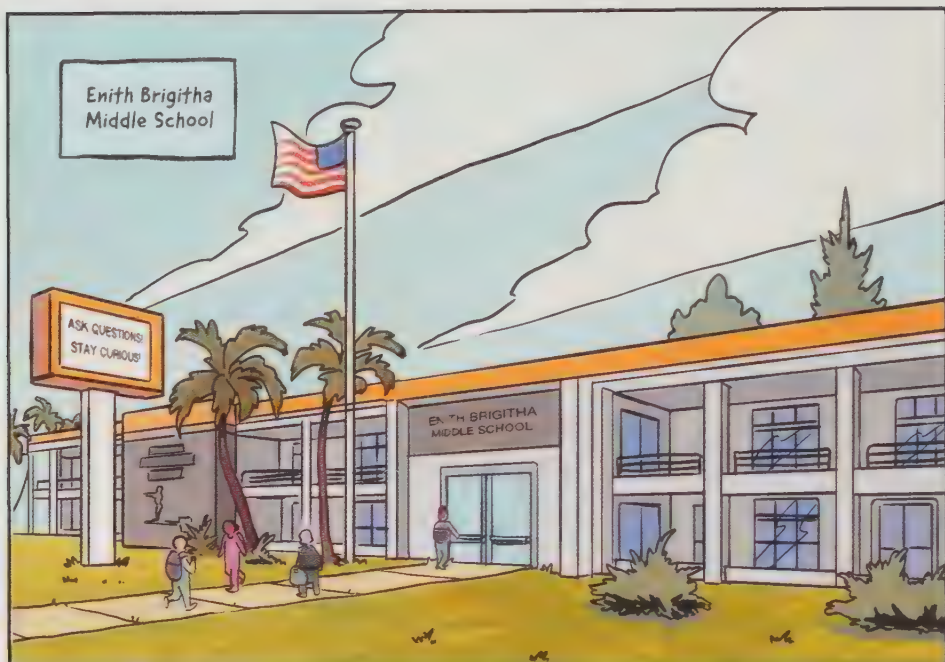




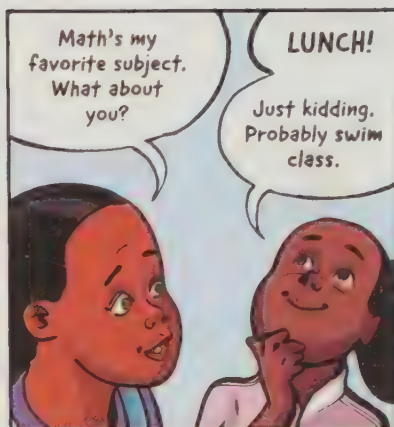
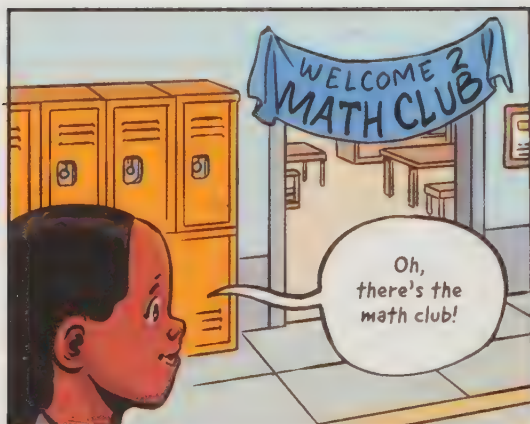


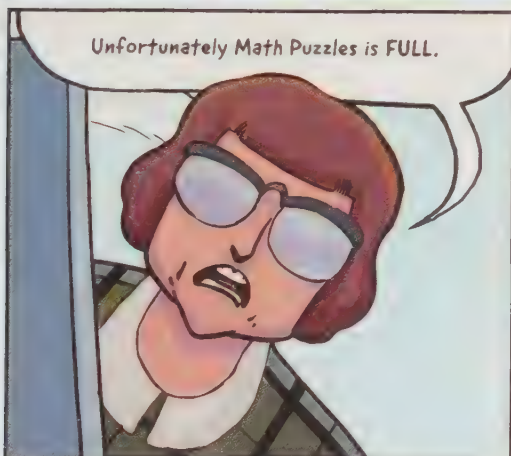


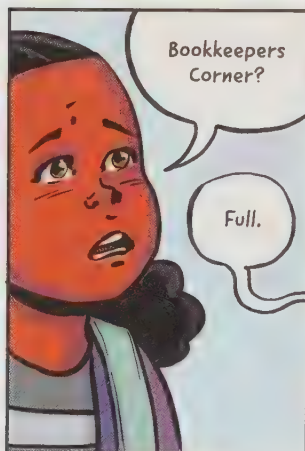


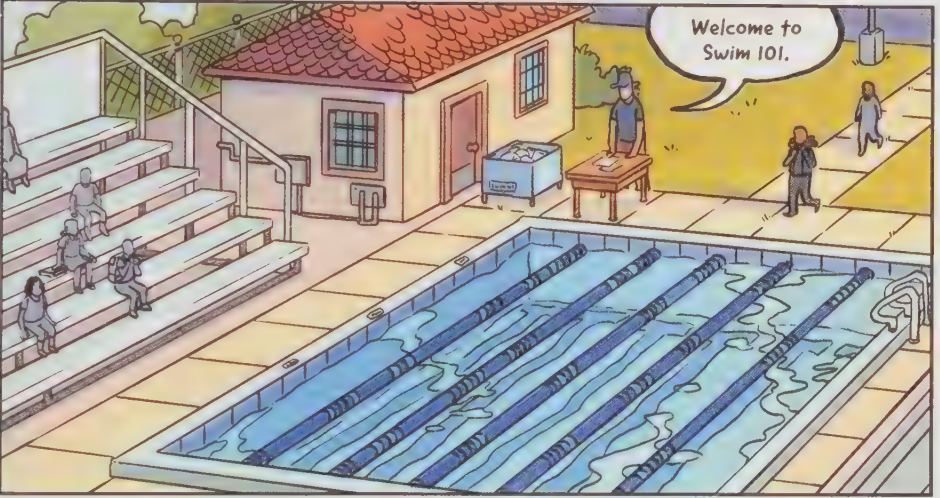
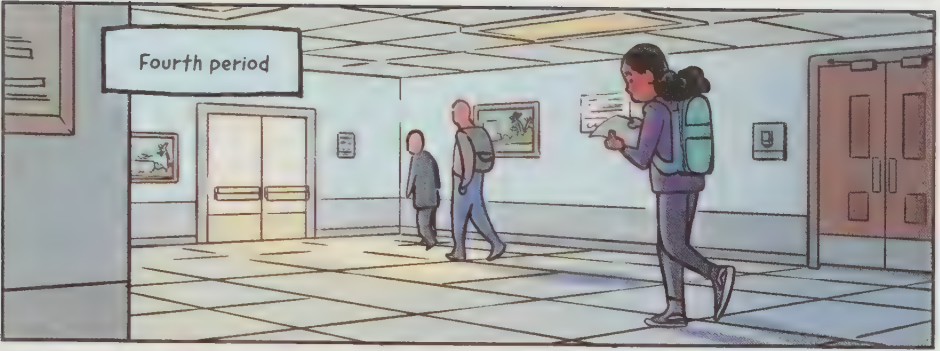


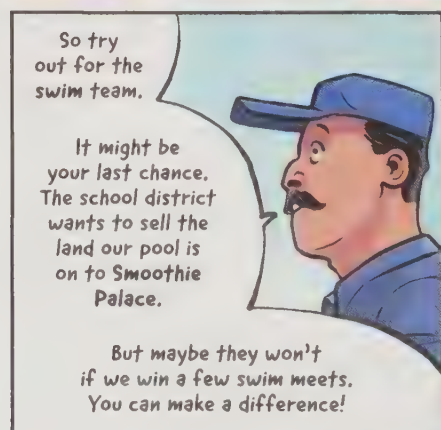


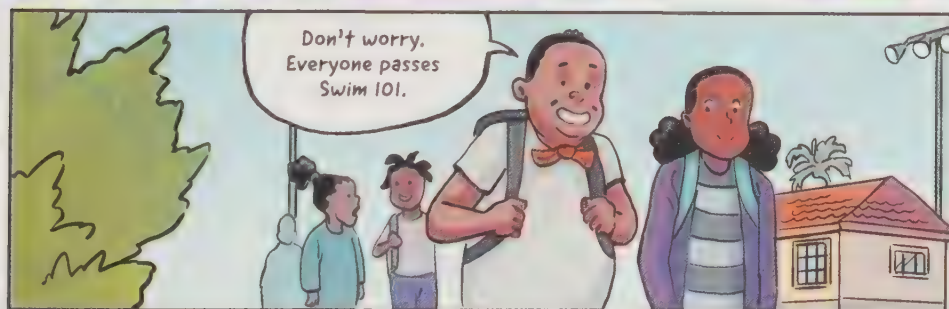


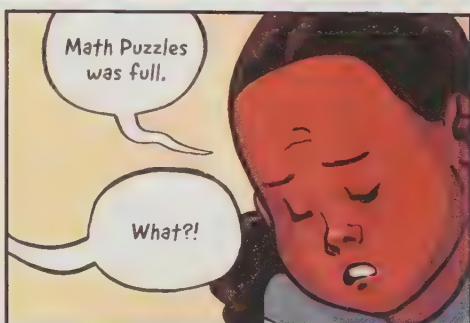
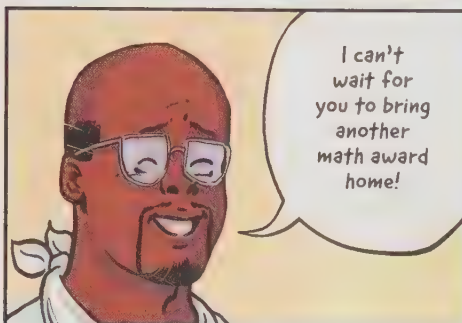
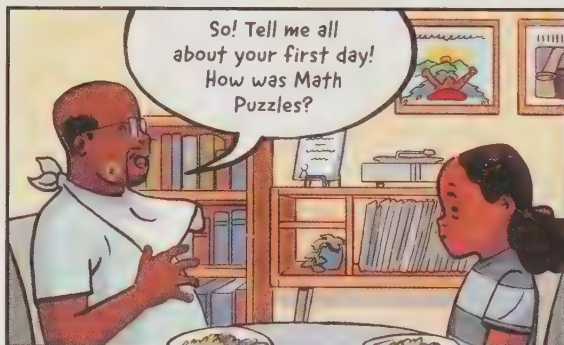


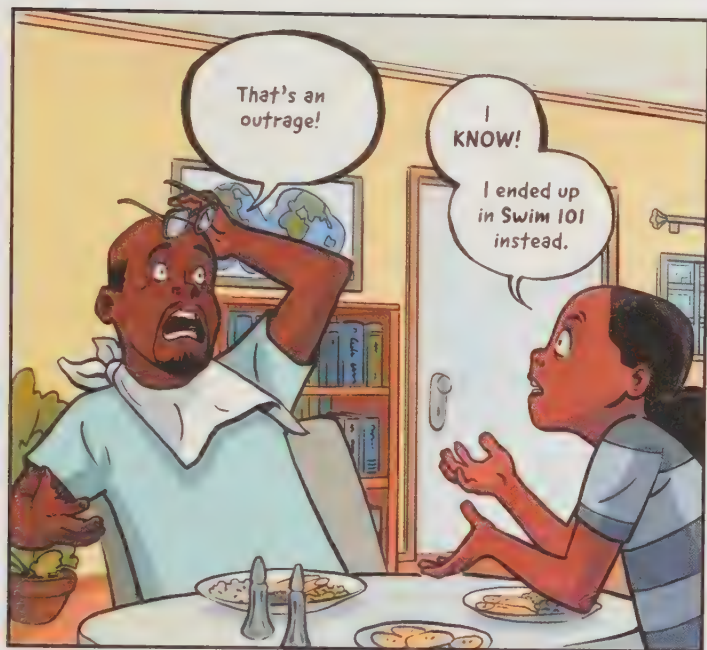


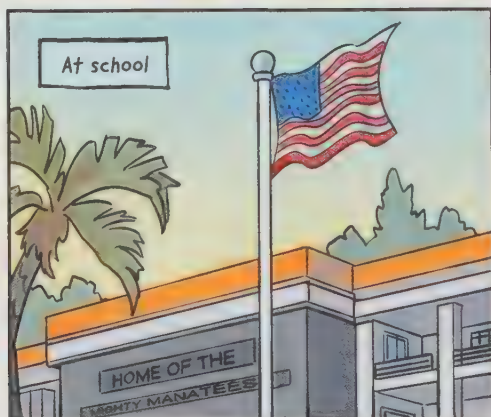
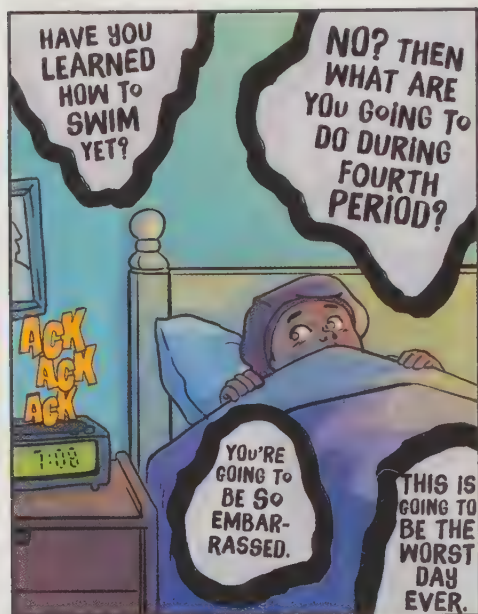


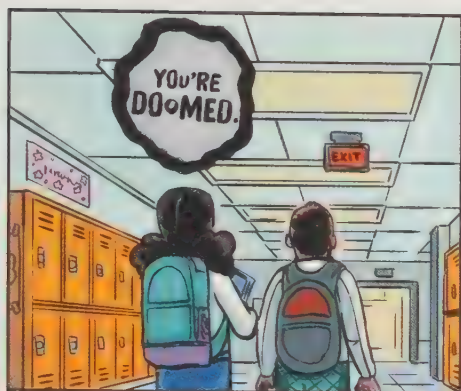




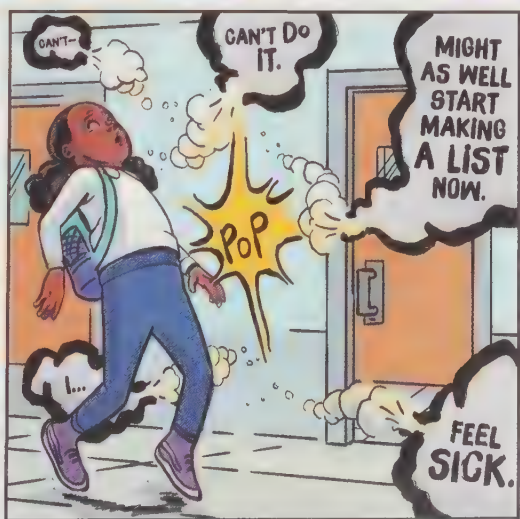
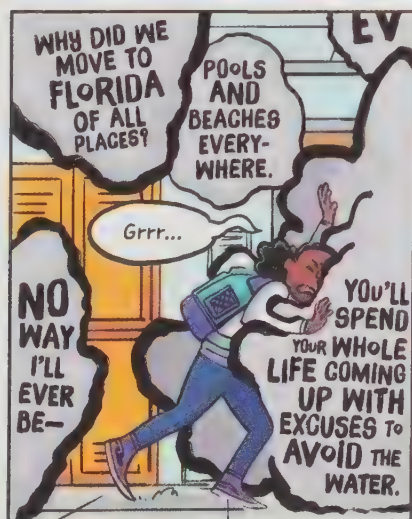
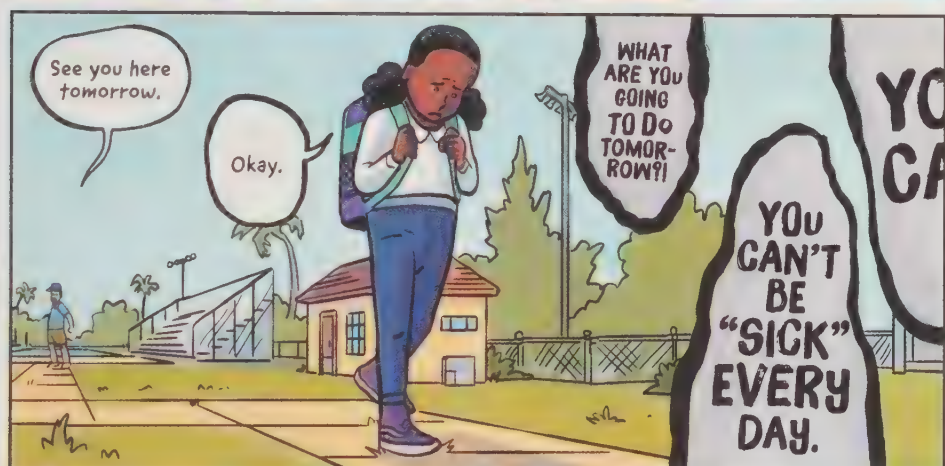










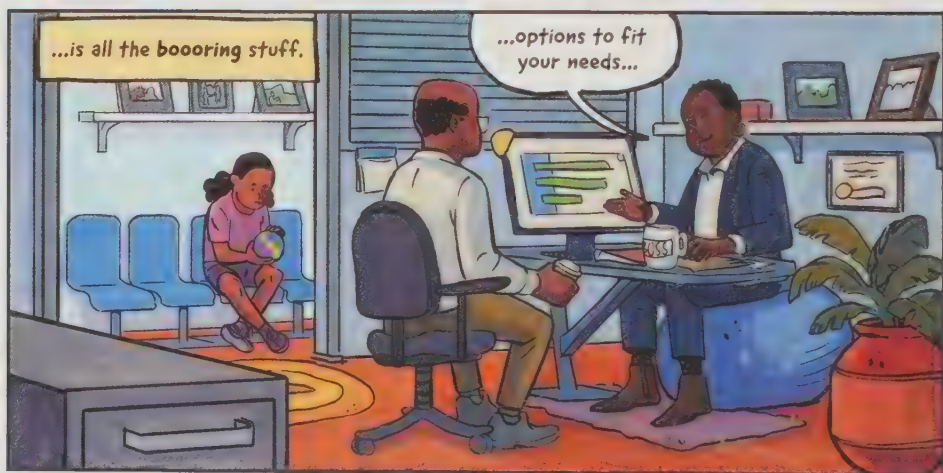


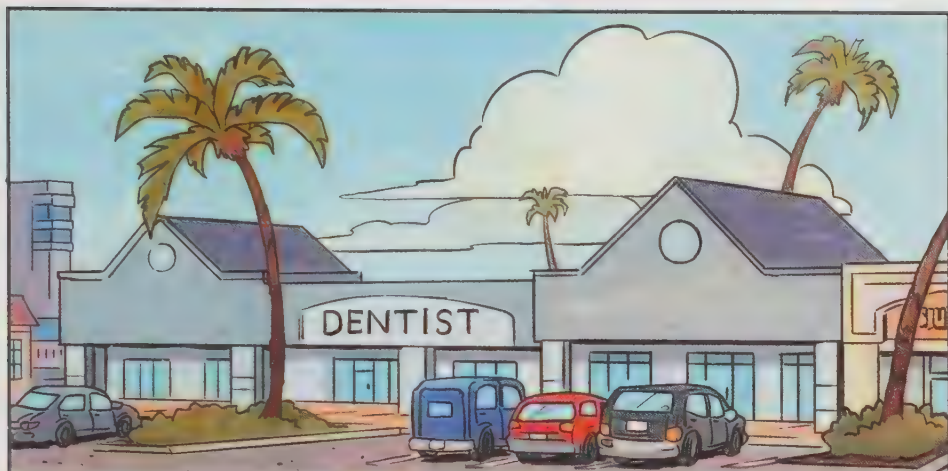


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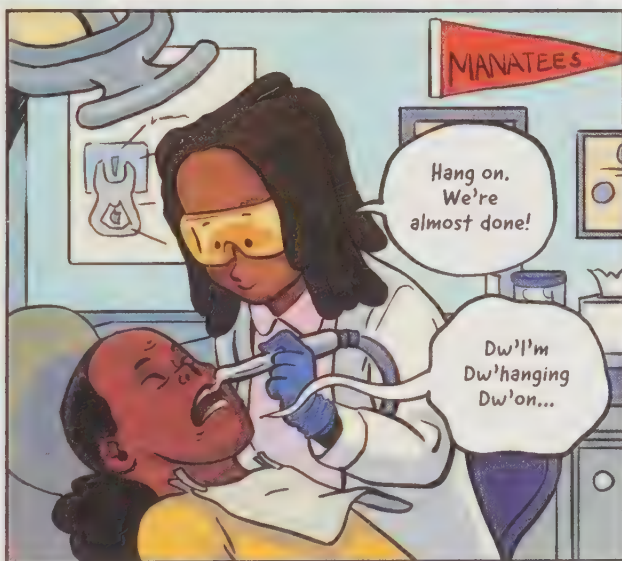
Making Waves







It's painful in more ways than one.



Hang on.
We're
almost done!

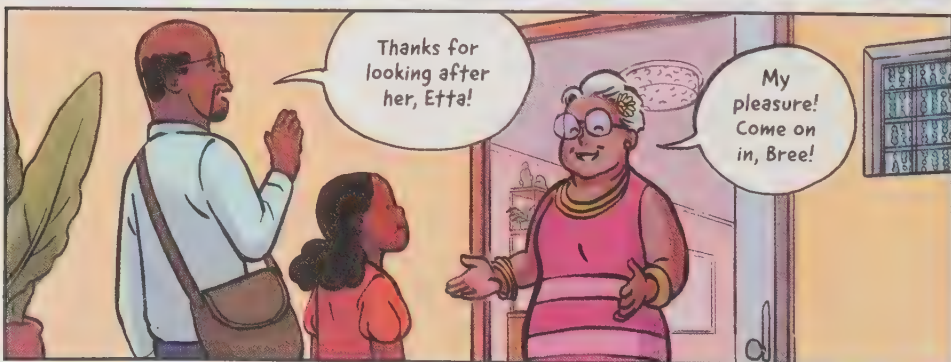
Dw'll'm
Dw'hanging
Dw'on...



How
you doing,
kiddo?

My teeth
feel sand-
blasted.

See you
in four
months!



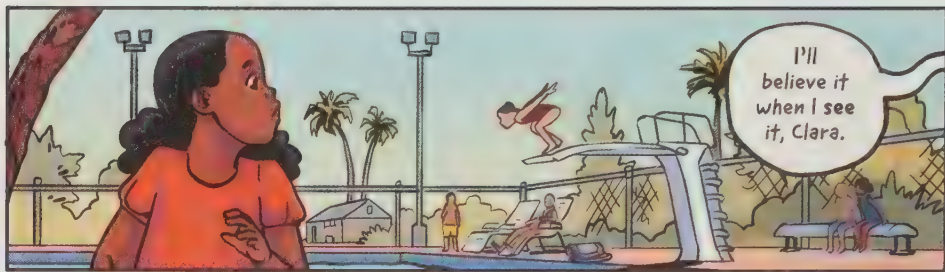




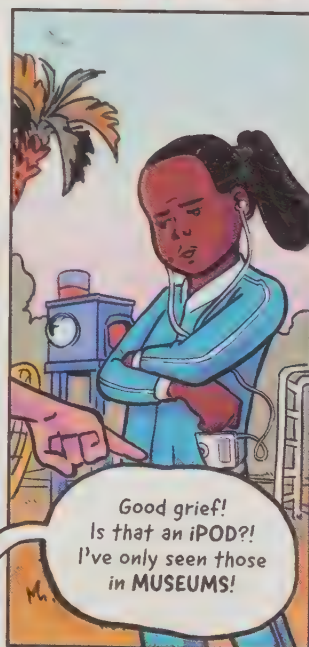
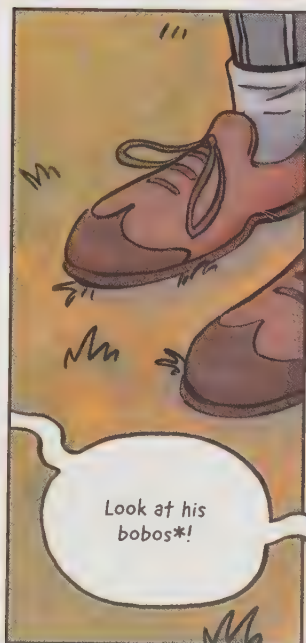
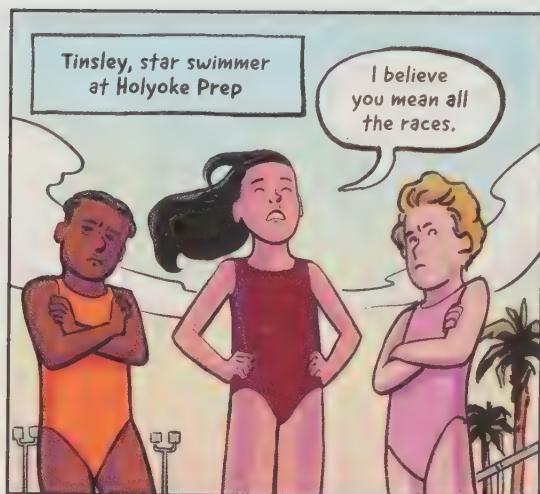








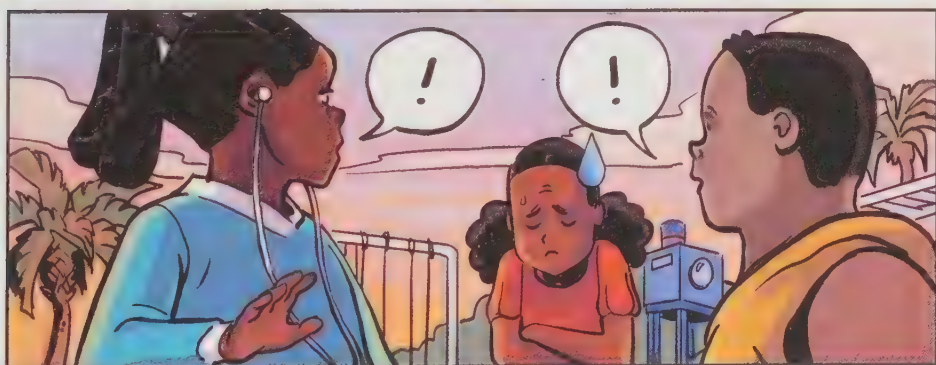
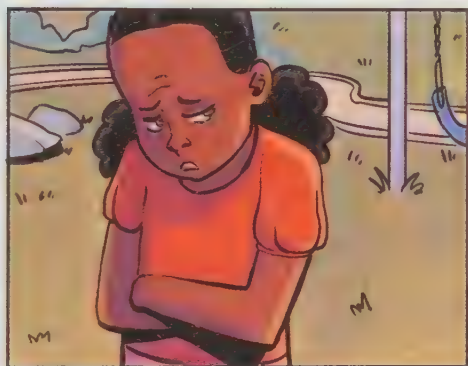


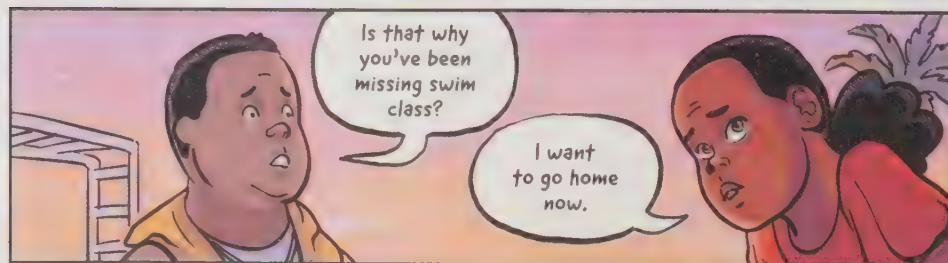


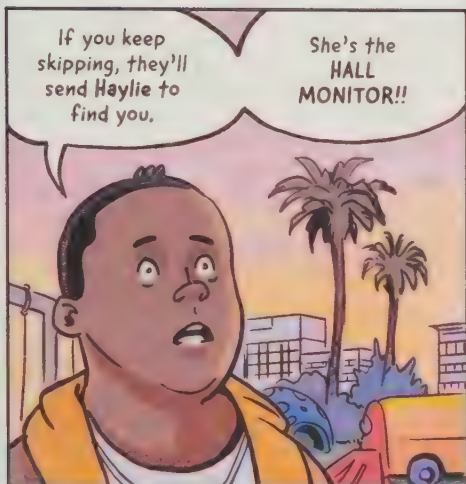
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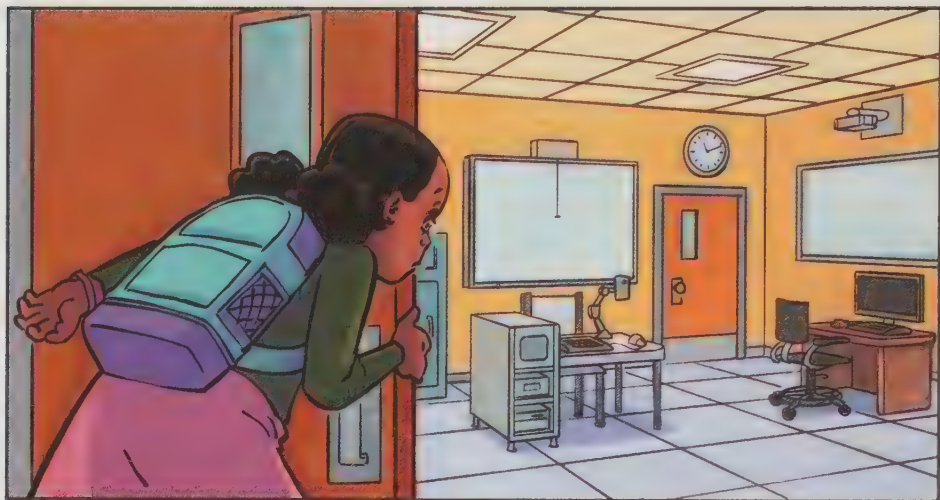


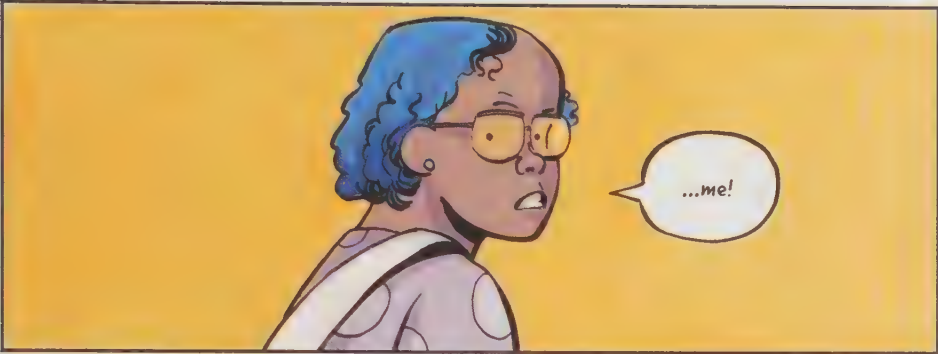


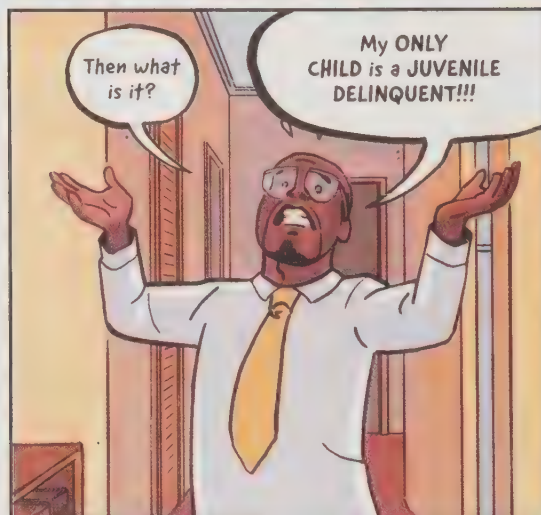
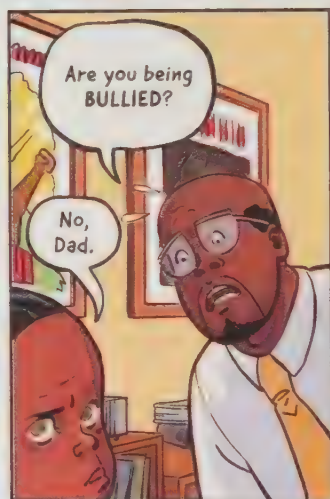


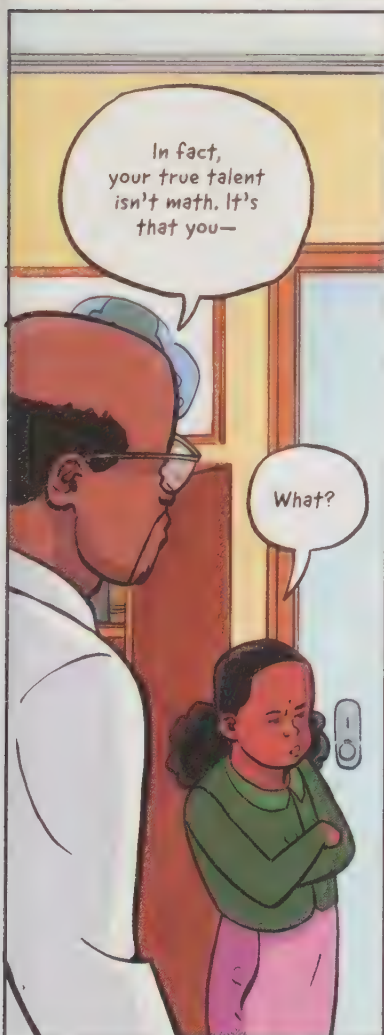
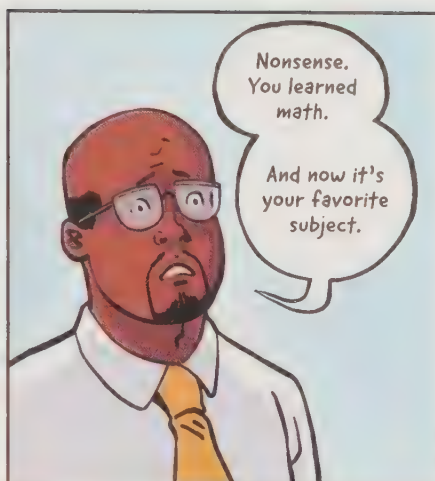


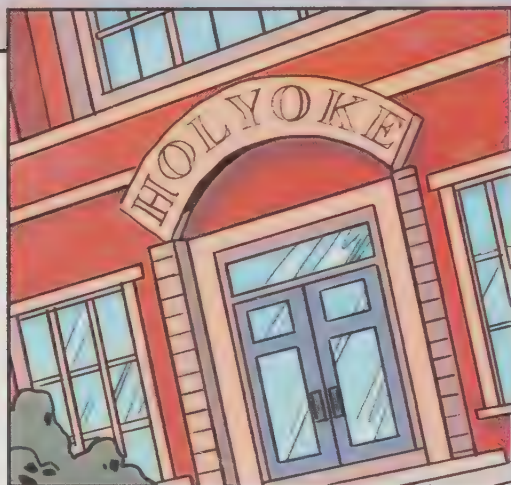
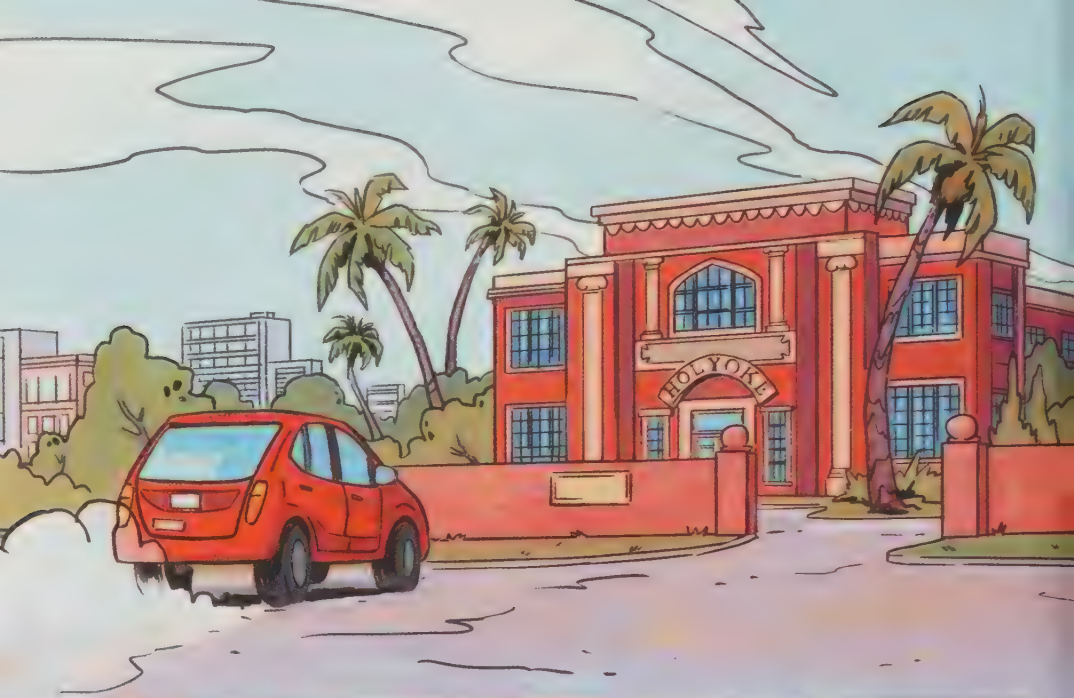


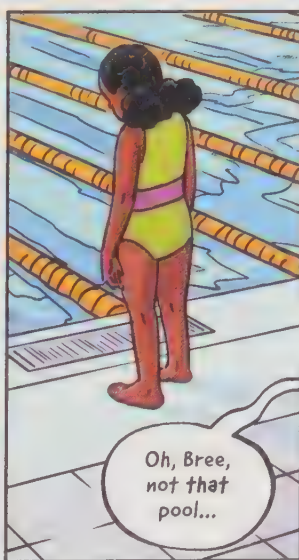
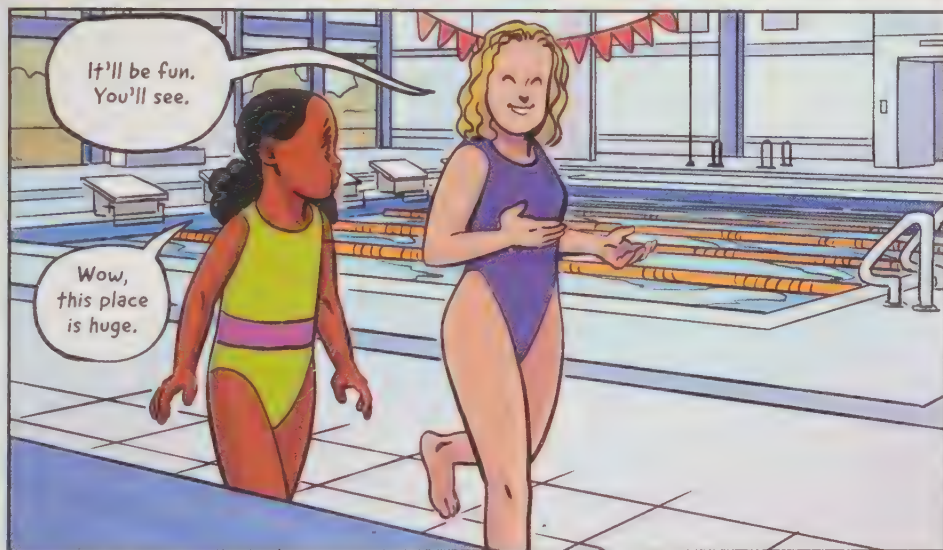


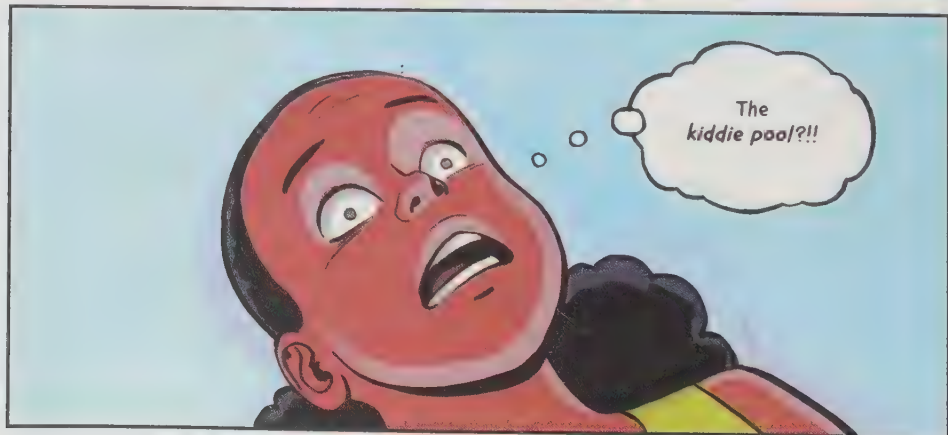
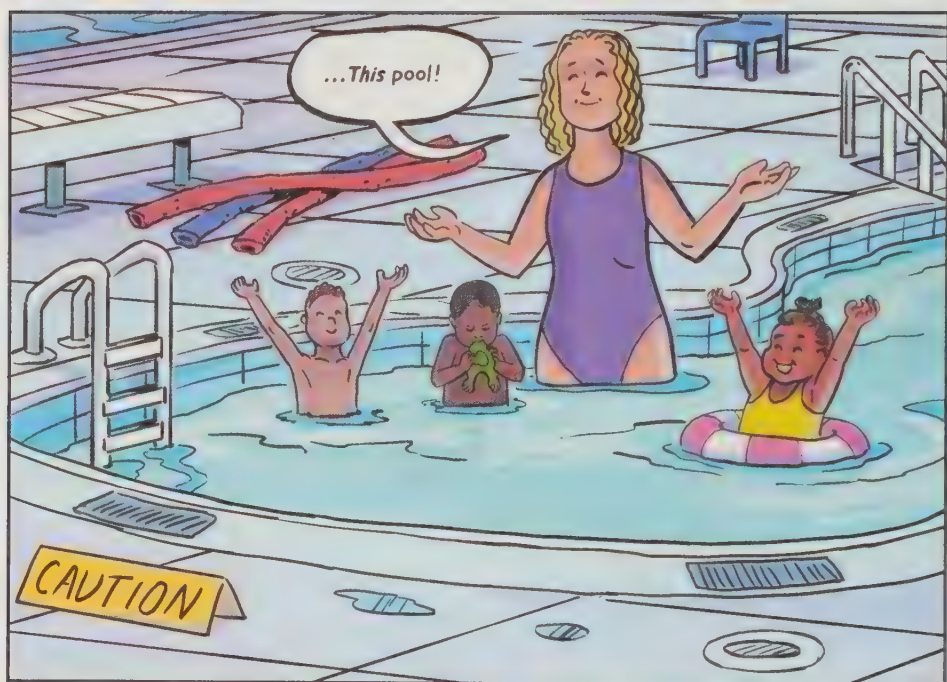








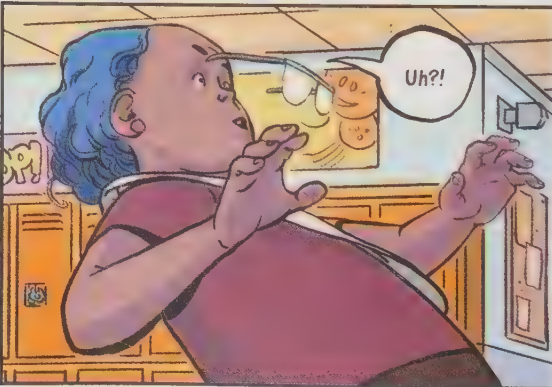


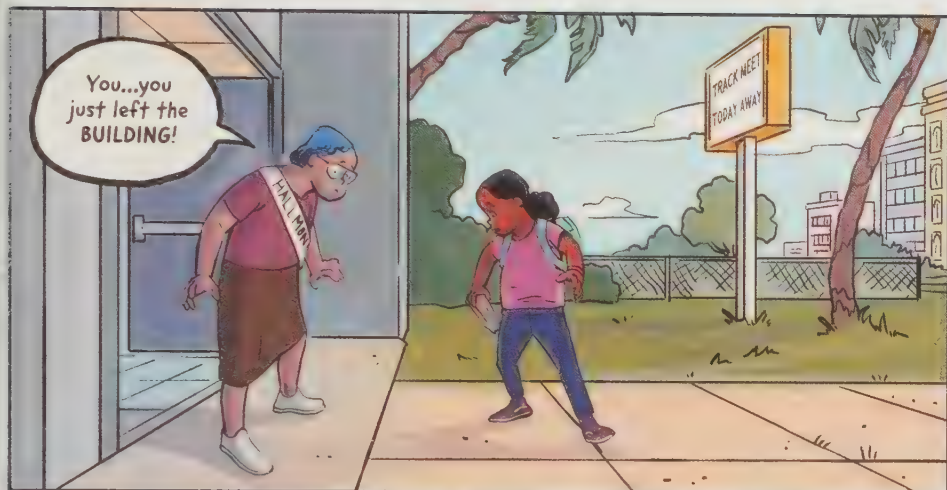




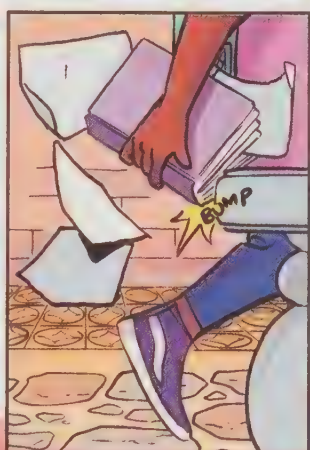


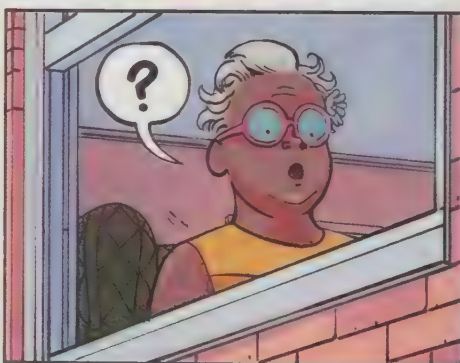
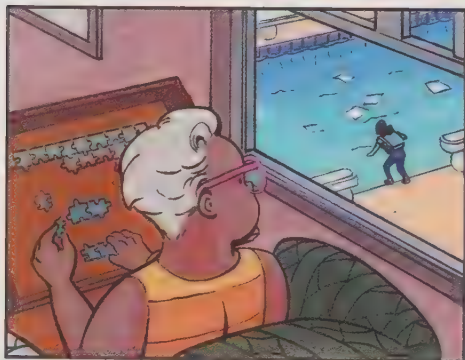


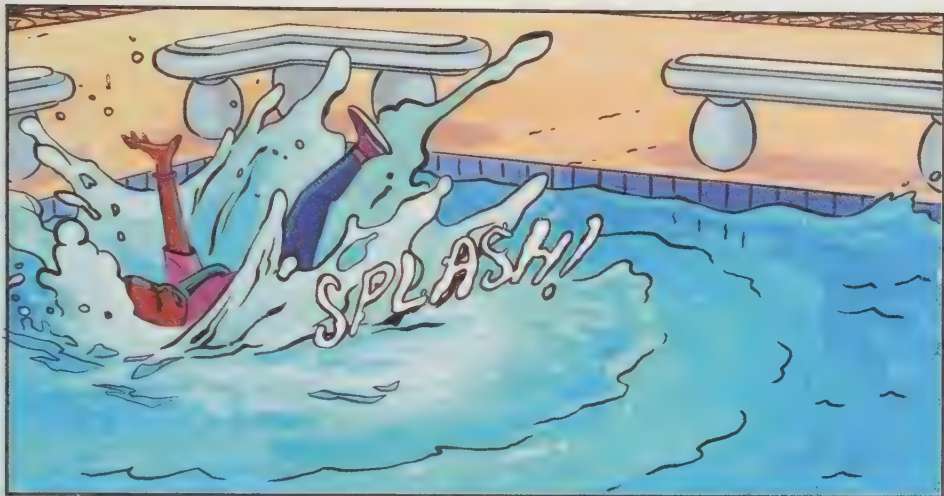


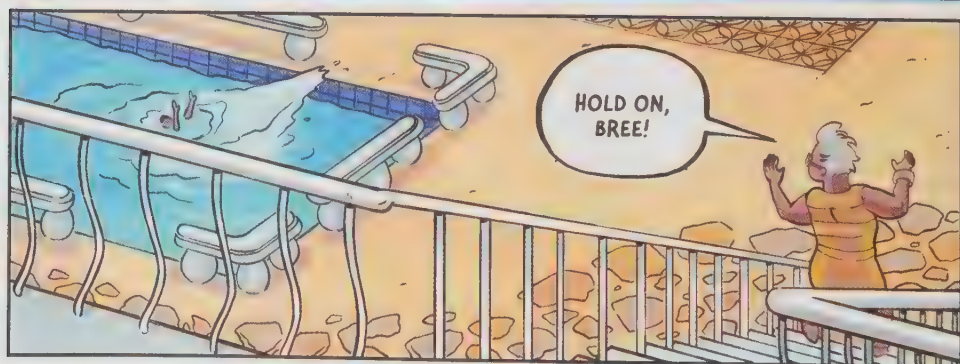
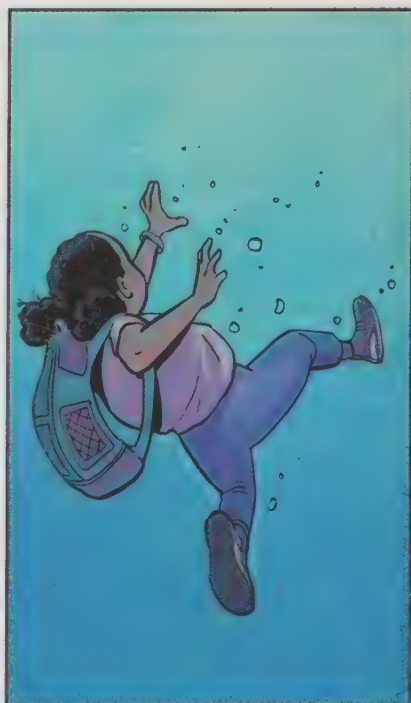


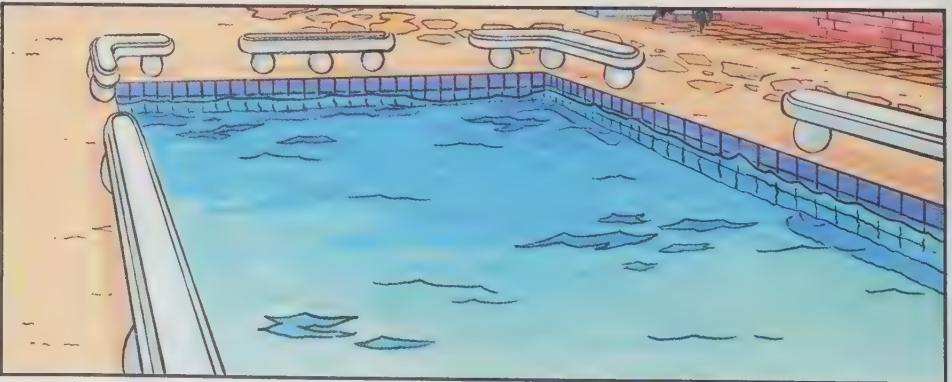
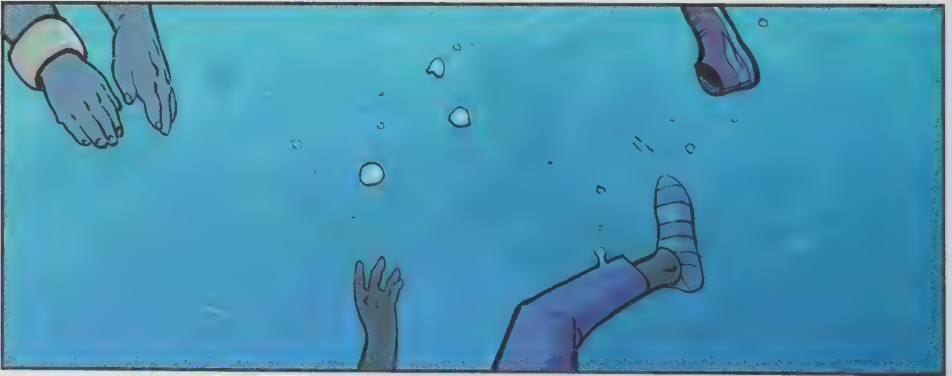
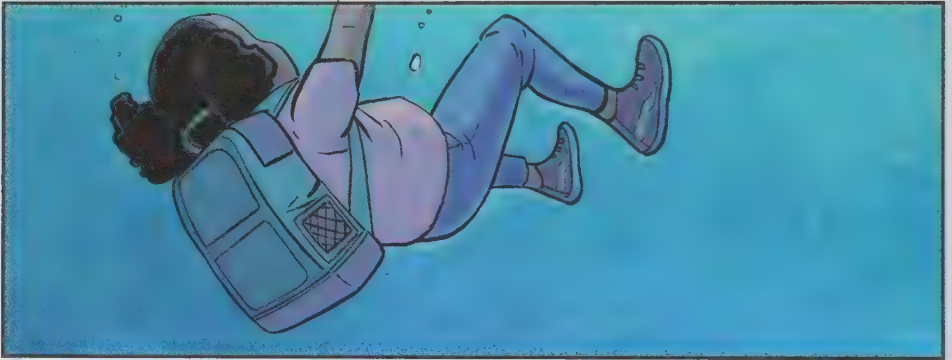
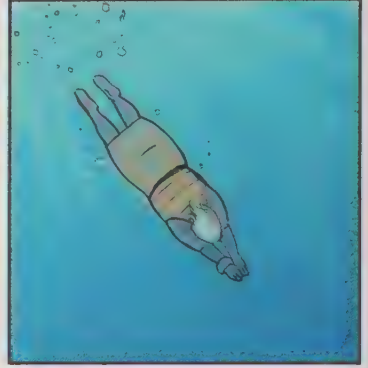
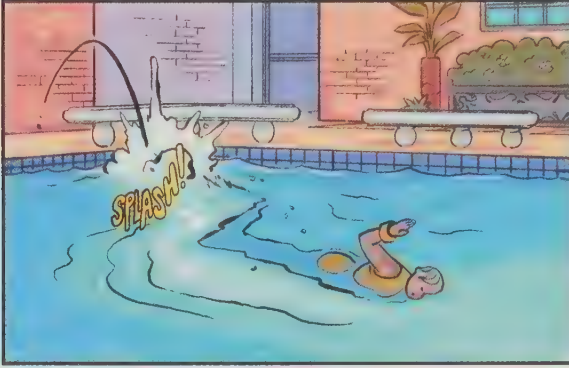




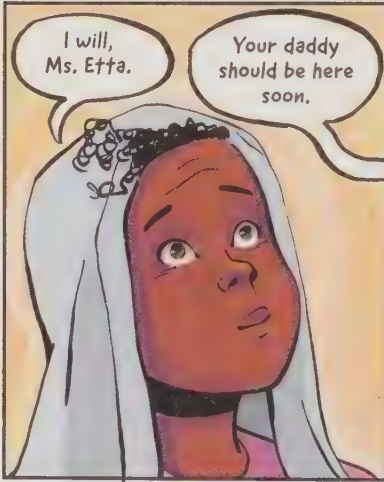
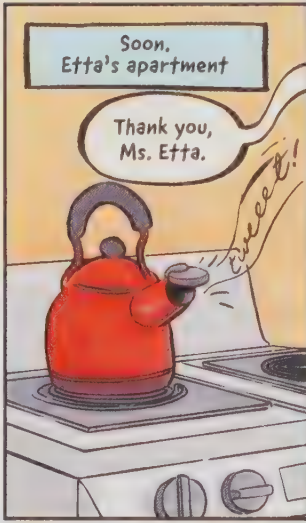


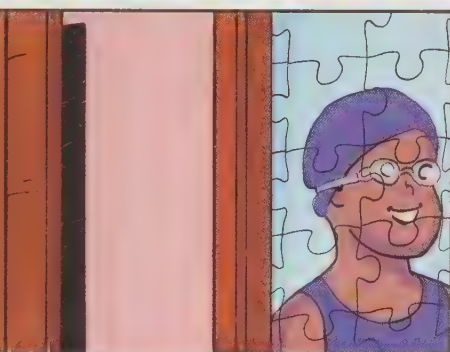
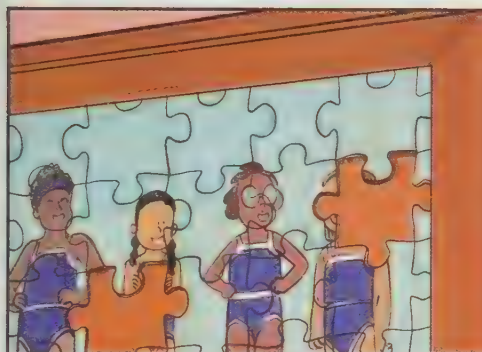
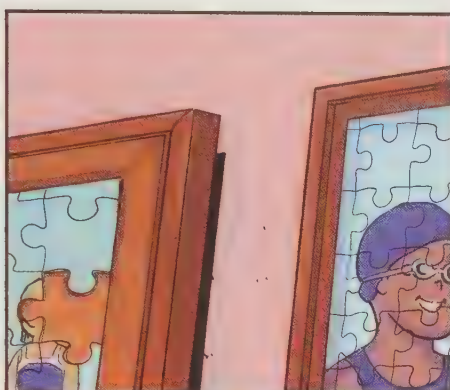




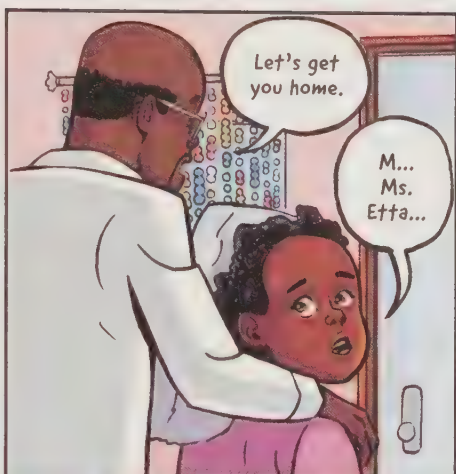


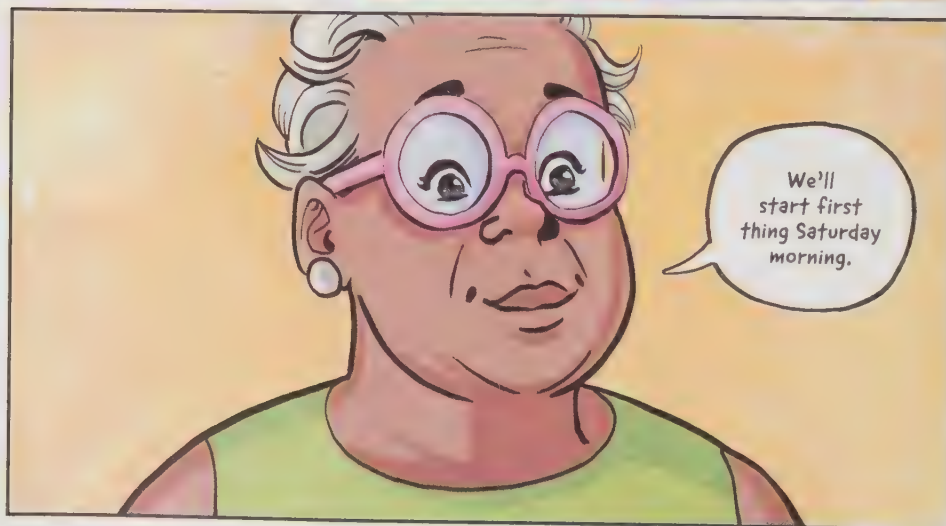






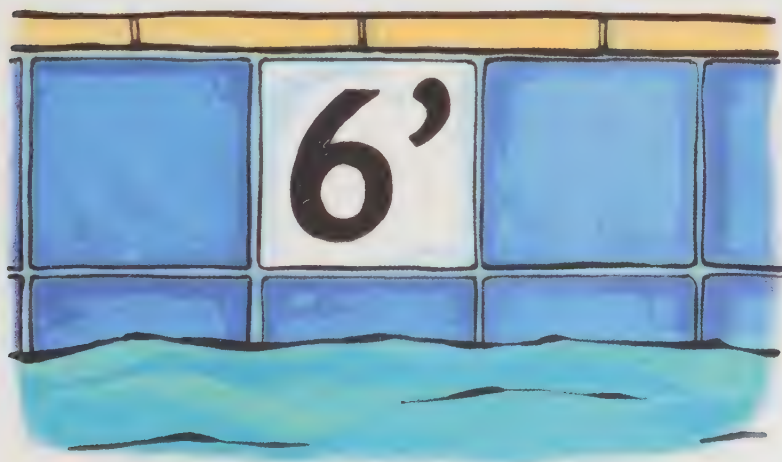




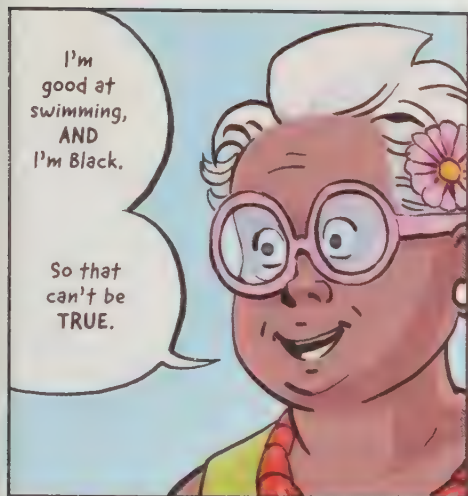


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The Deep End









From ancient Africa
to modern Africa...

from Chicago
to Peru...

in seas, rivers,
lakes, and pools...

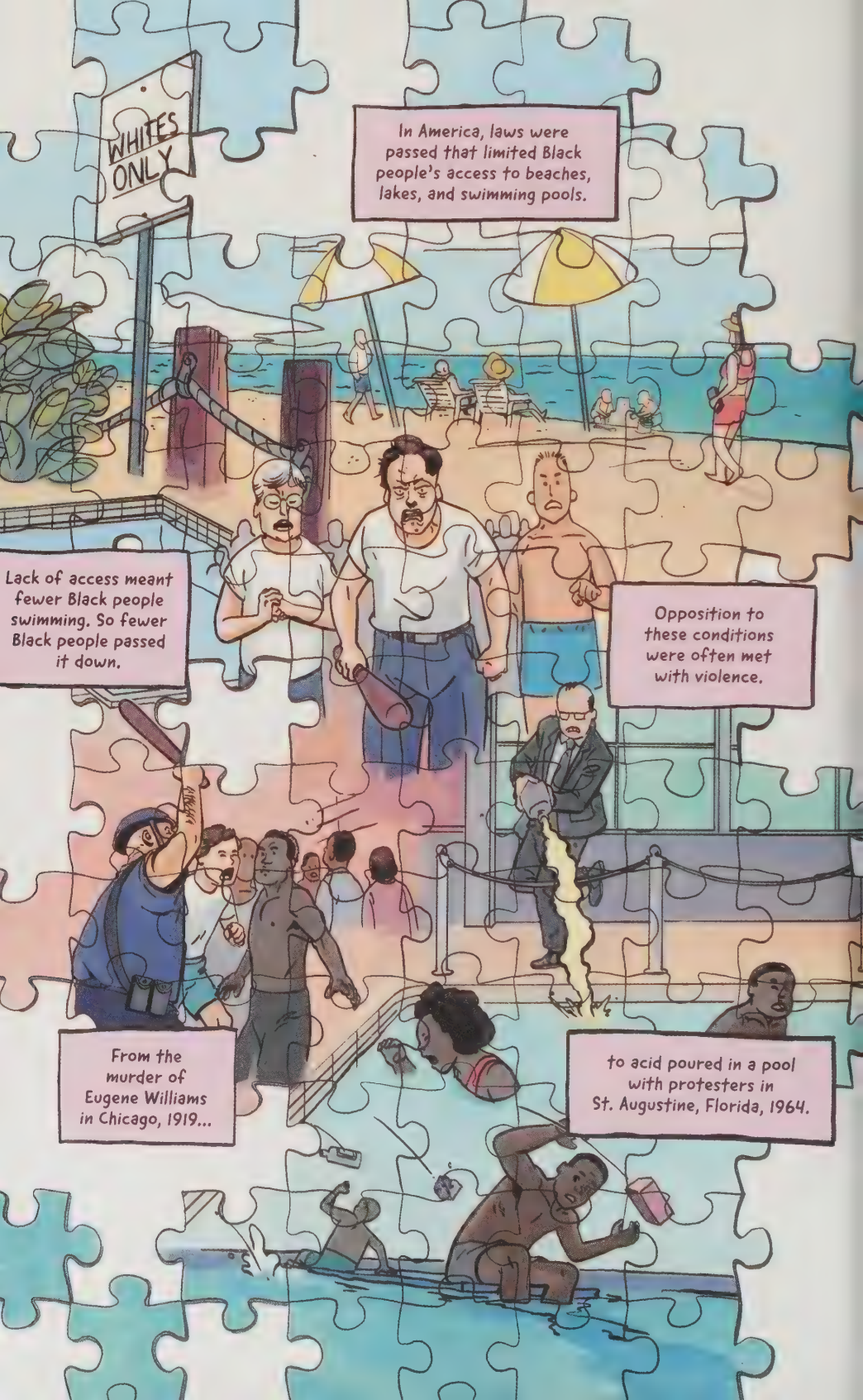


Black people have
always swum and
always will.

The art of swimming is
handed down, generation
after generation.

Then why can't so many
of my friends swim?

Well...
that's where it gets
complicated...



WHITES
ONLY

In America, laws were passed that limited Black people's access to beaches, lakes, and swimming pools.

Lack of access meant fewer Black people swimming. So fewer Black people passed it down.

Opposition to these conditions were often met with violence.

From the murder of Eugene Williams in Chicago, 1919...

to acid poured in a pool with protesters in St. Augustine, Florida, 1964.

So the knowledge was scattered. Like a jigsaw puzzle with missing pieces.

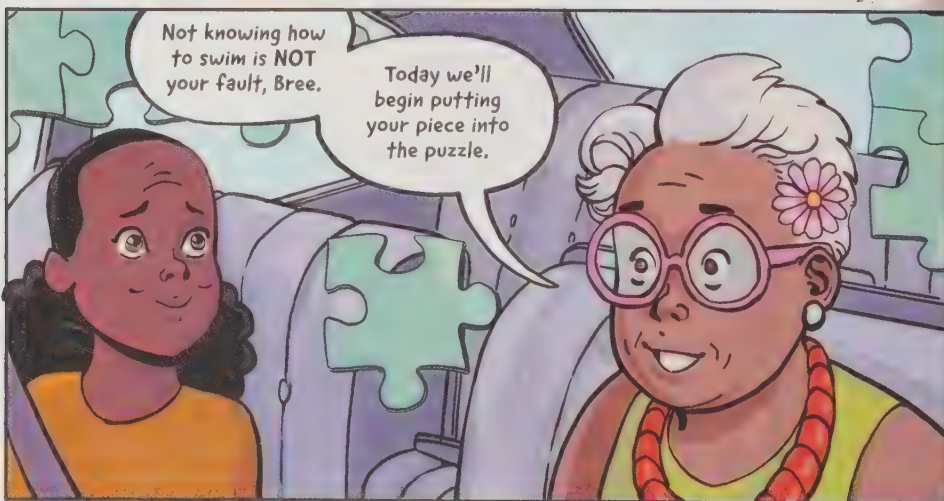
But, regardless, we kept fighting and, eventually, the laws were changed.

John Lewis, protesting a segregated pool in Cairo, Illinois, 1962.

Beach protests in Connecticut, 1975.

FREE THE BEACHES

David Isom, a teenager breaking the color line at a Florida pool in 1958.





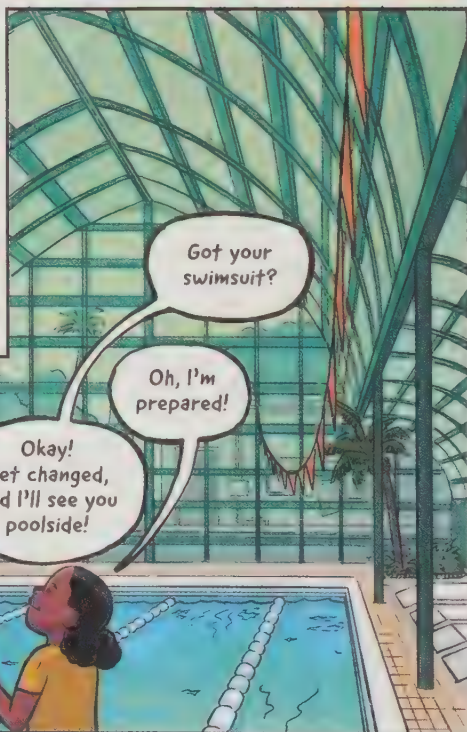
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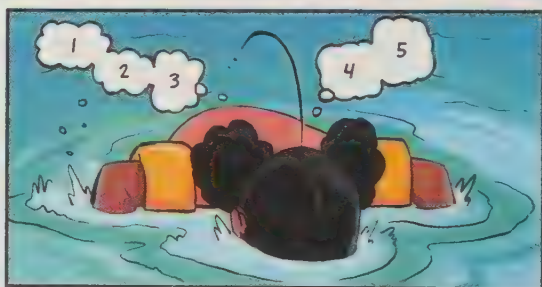
FAMILY

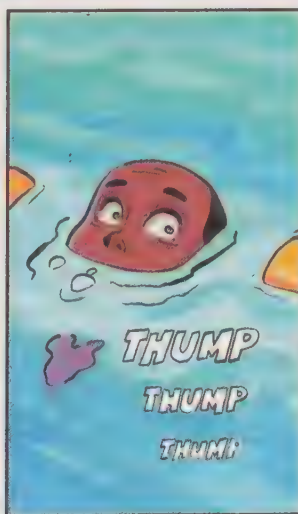
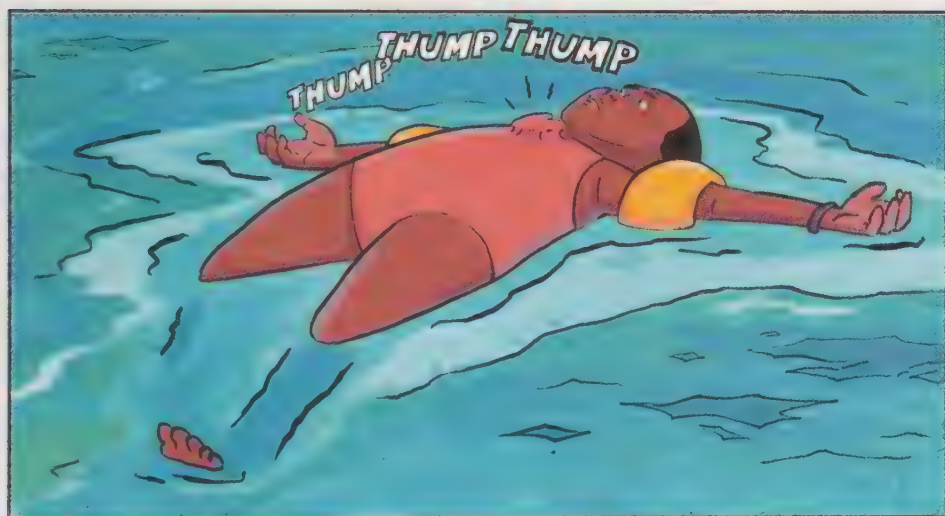
It's an old
conservatory that's
been turned into
a pool!

Here we are!











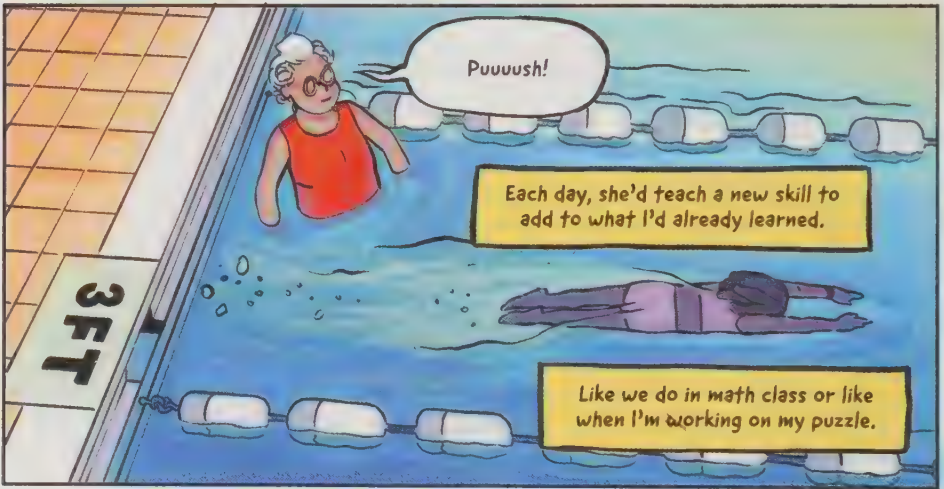












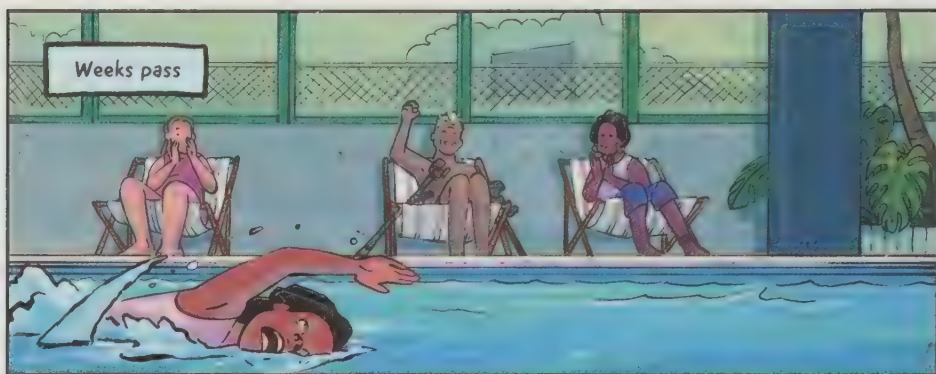


he pool started to feel more and more familiar.



I got used to the feel of tile floors and the smell of chlorine.

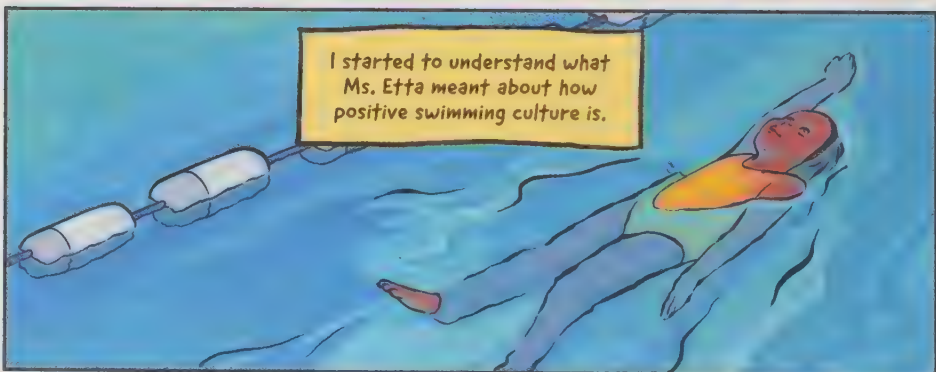
I started to like the pool.



Weeks pass



Every day, everyone at the pool cheered me on.



I started to understand what Ms. Etta meant about how positive swimming culture is.



I started going back to Swim 101, but I was still shy about swimming around the kids at school.

No horsing around!









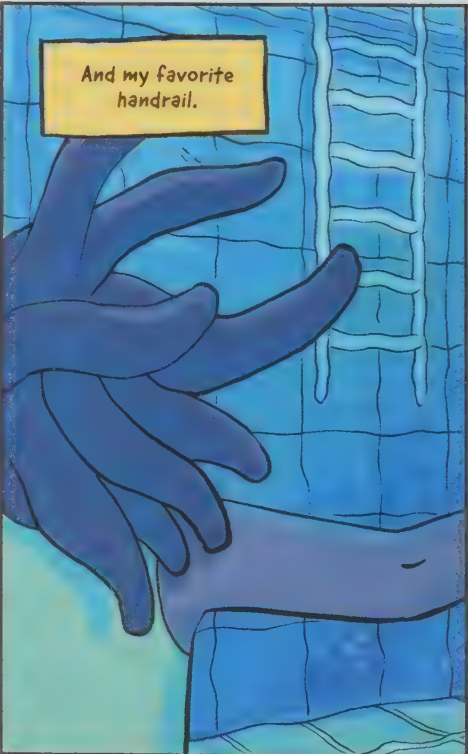
You're in control. Don't be afraid...



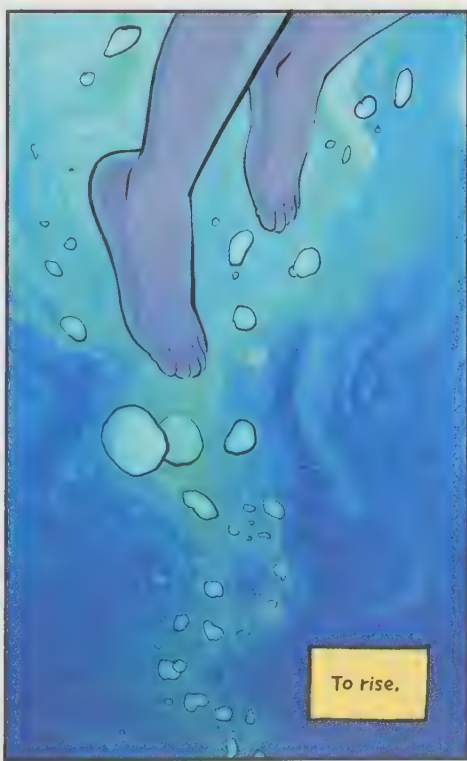
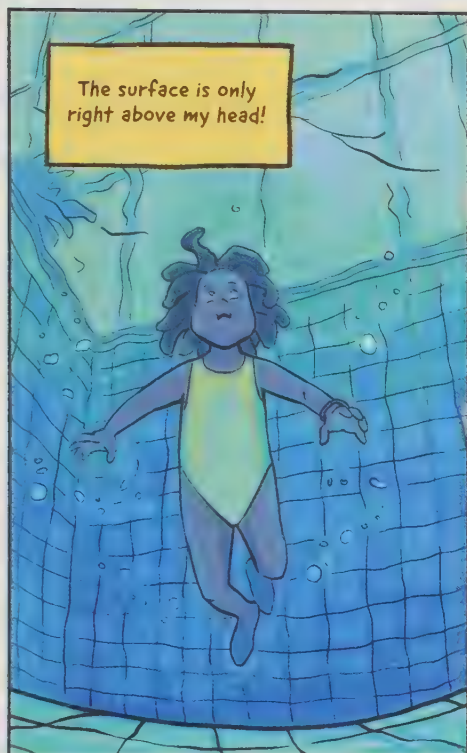
It's not as deep as I thought.
There's the bottom.

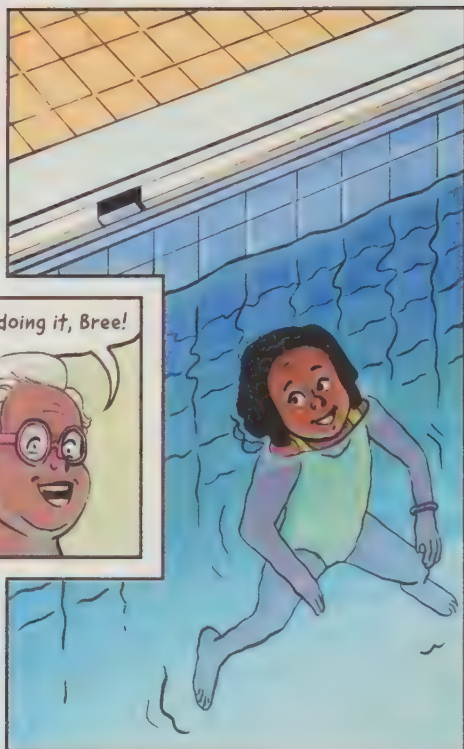
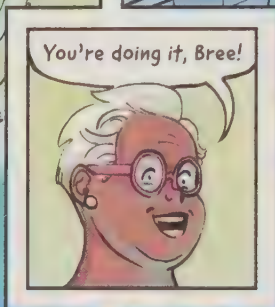


And there's Mr. O'Leary's
hairy chicken legs.

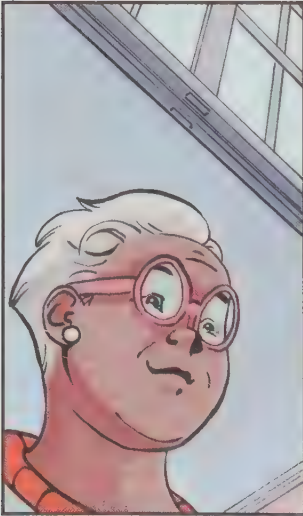
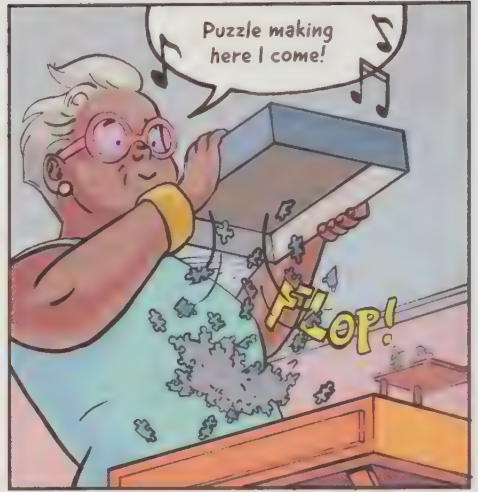


And my favorite
handrail.



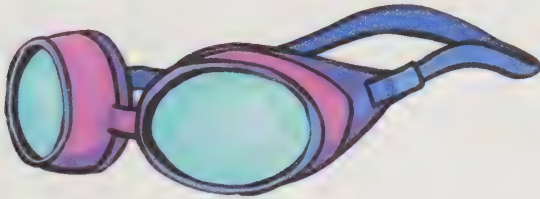


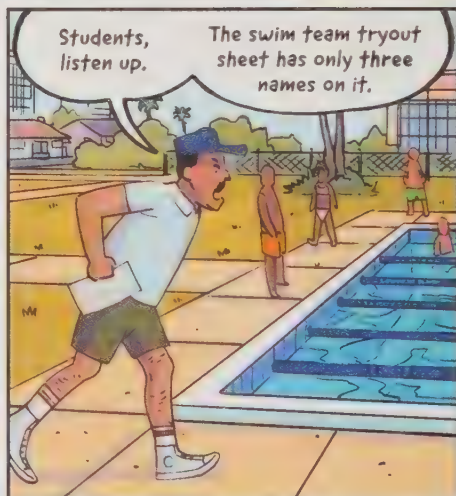
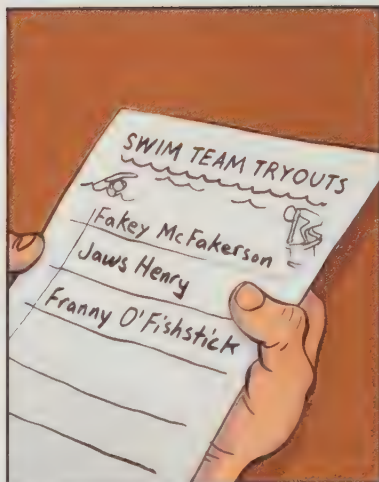
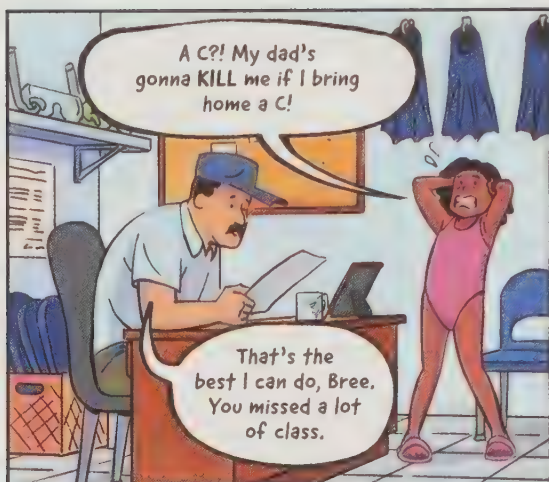




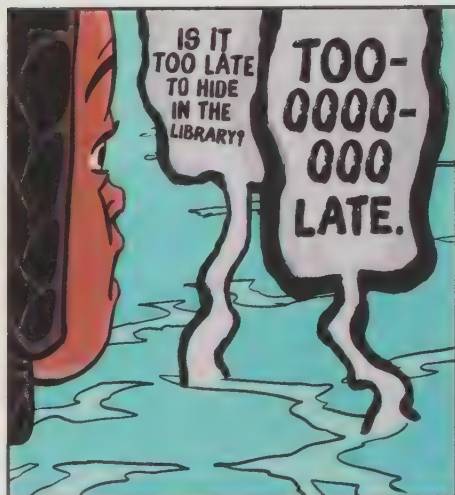
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Sink or Swim

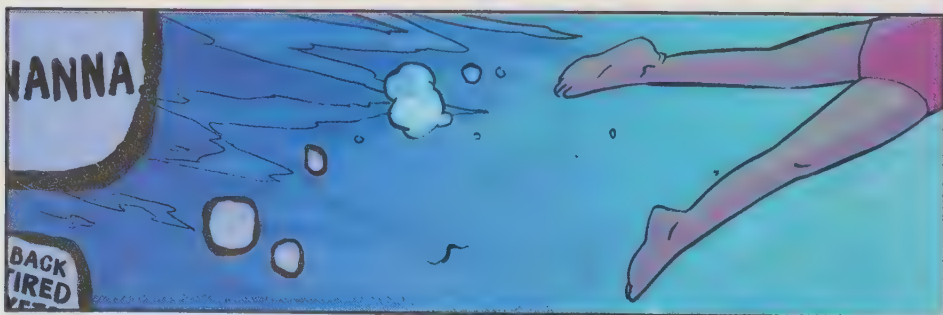
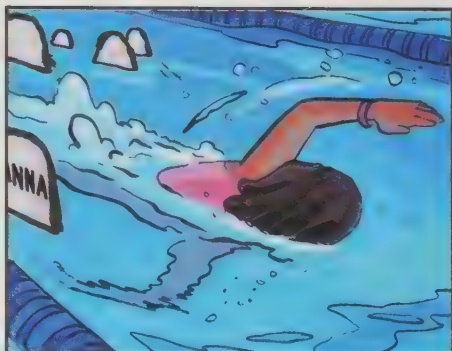
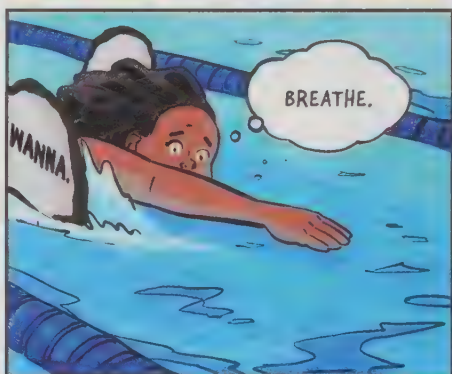
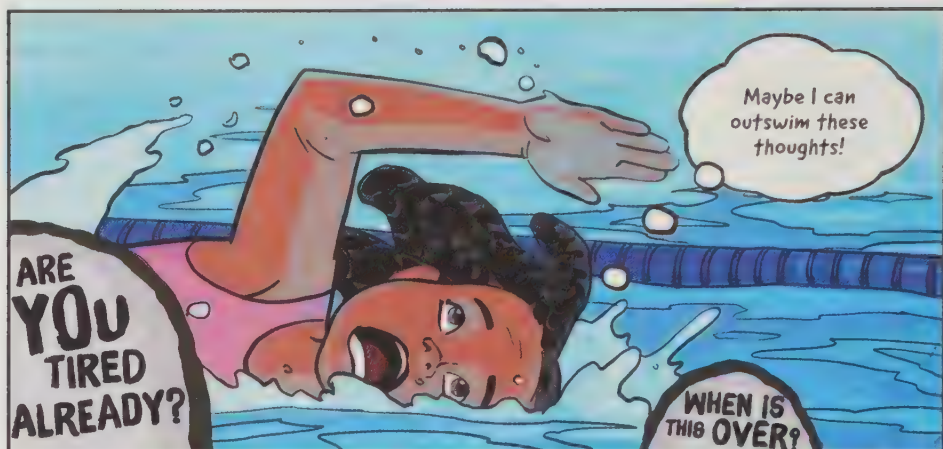


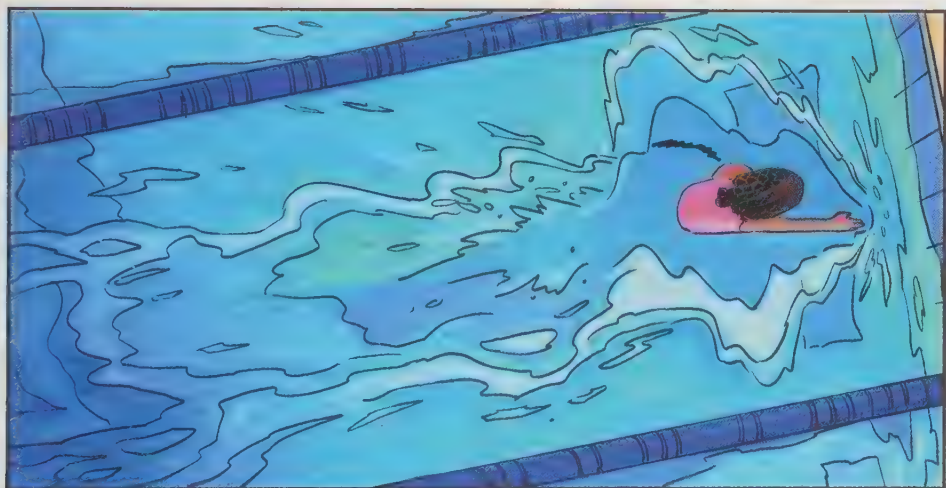






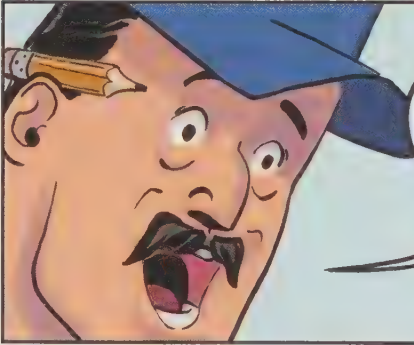
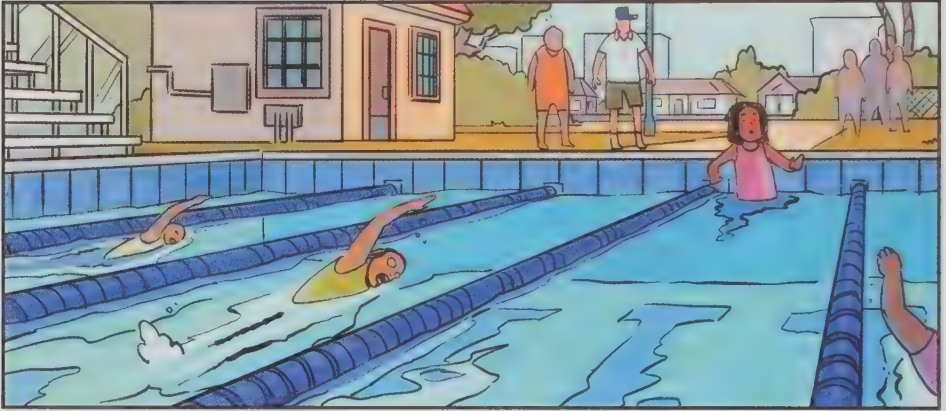








Where is everyone?



Bree, you came in first!

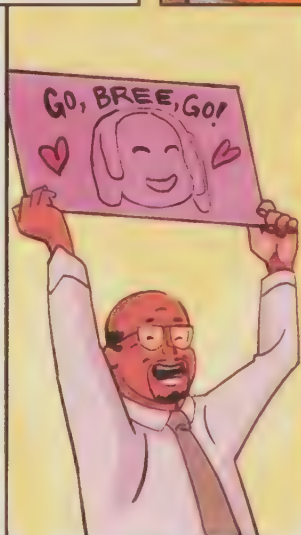


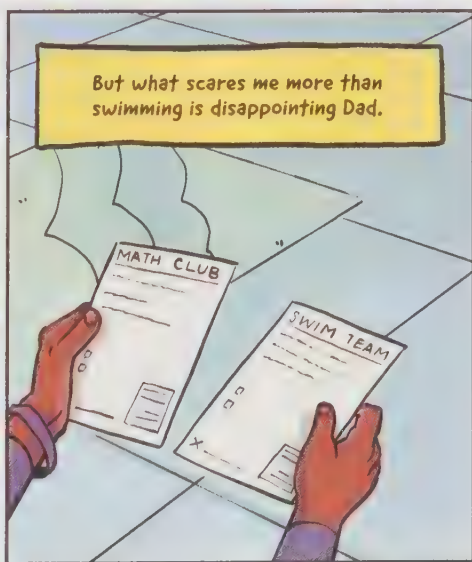
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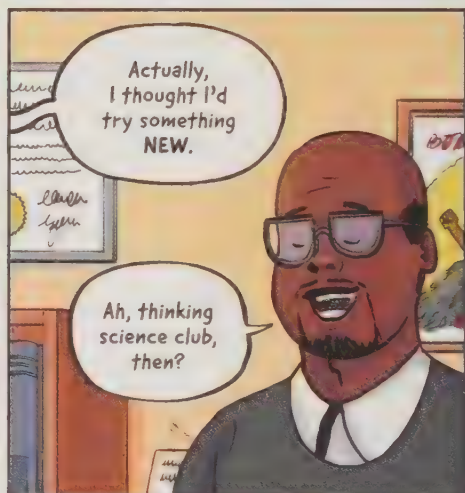
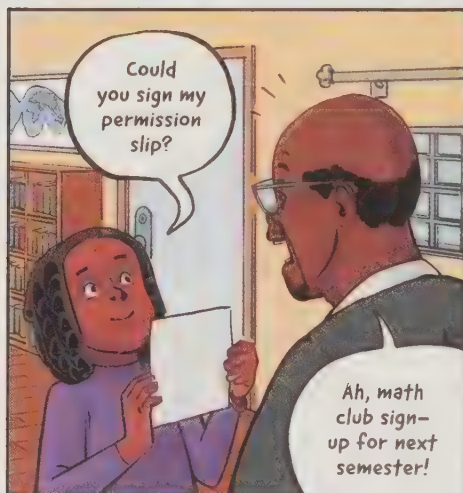


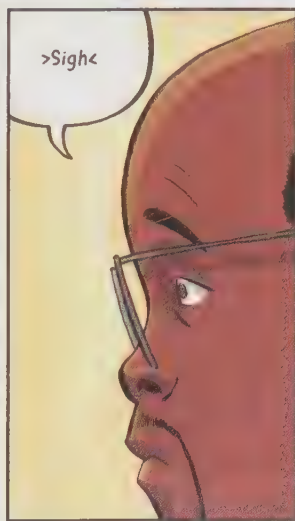
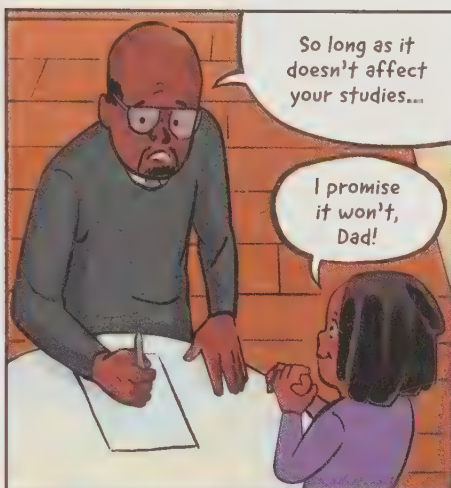
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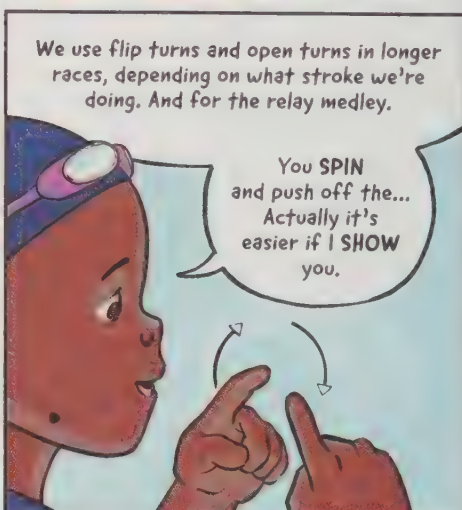
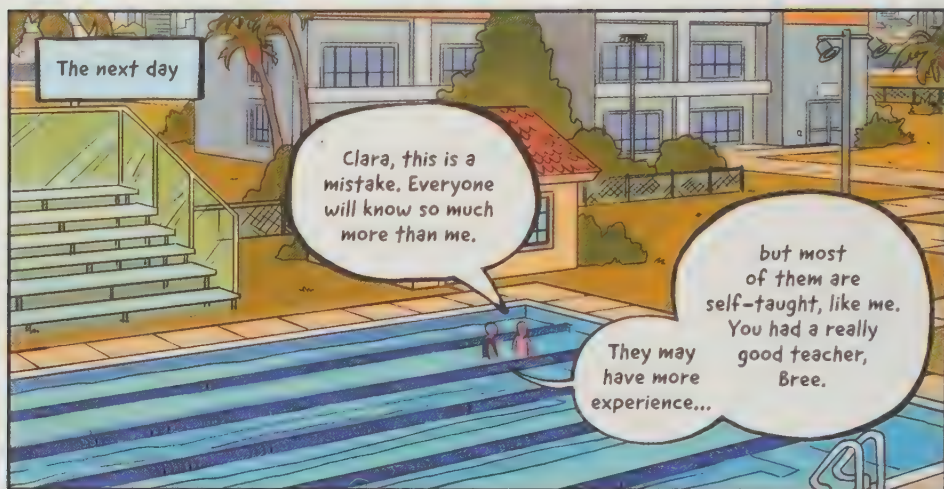


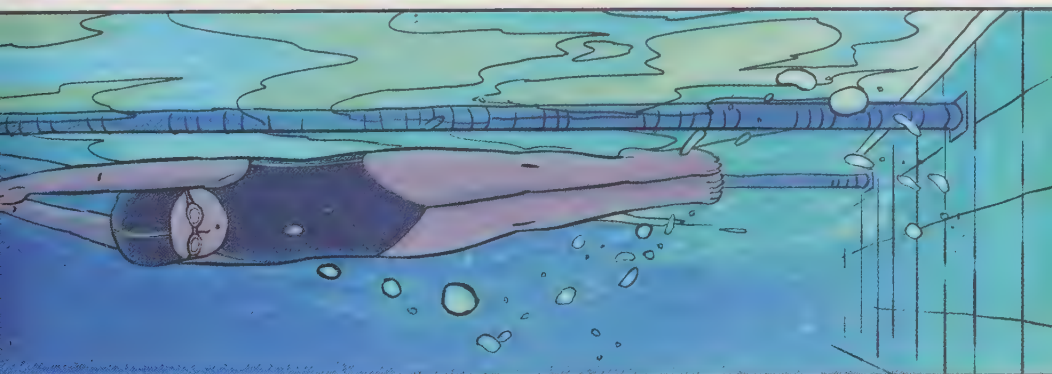
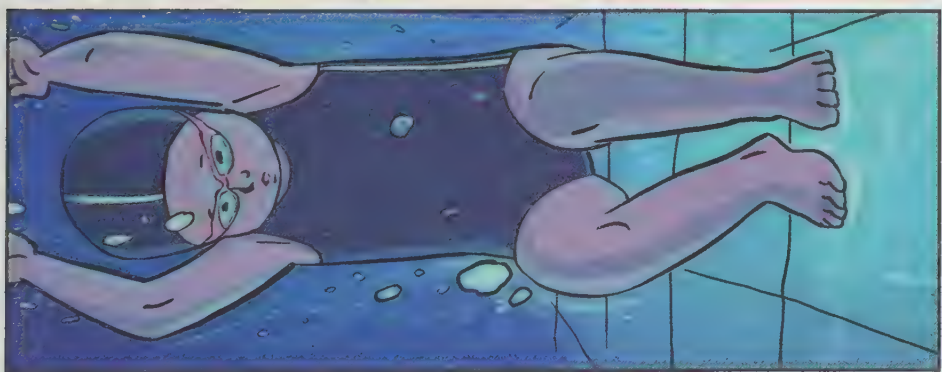
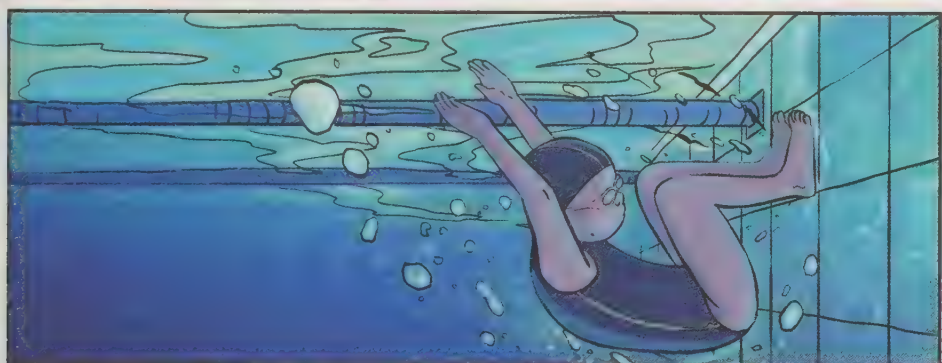
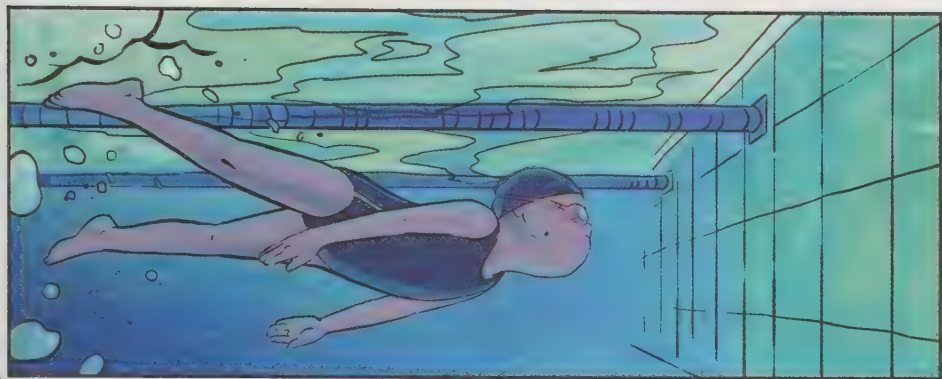


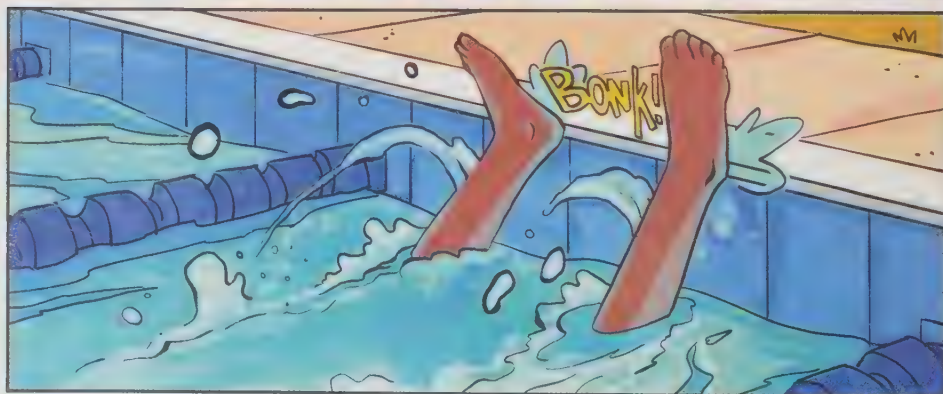
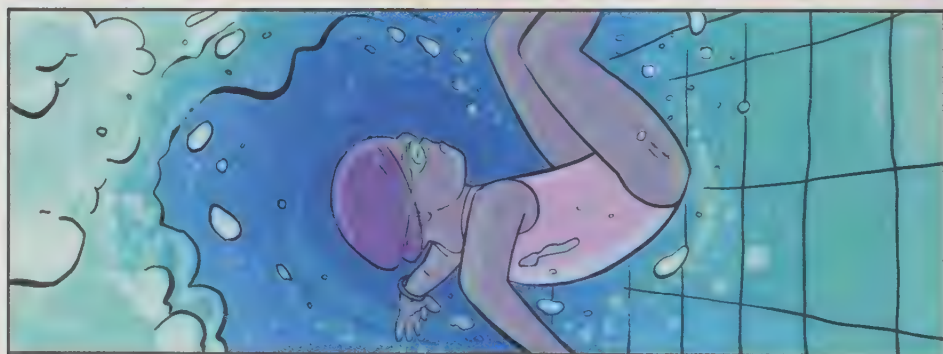
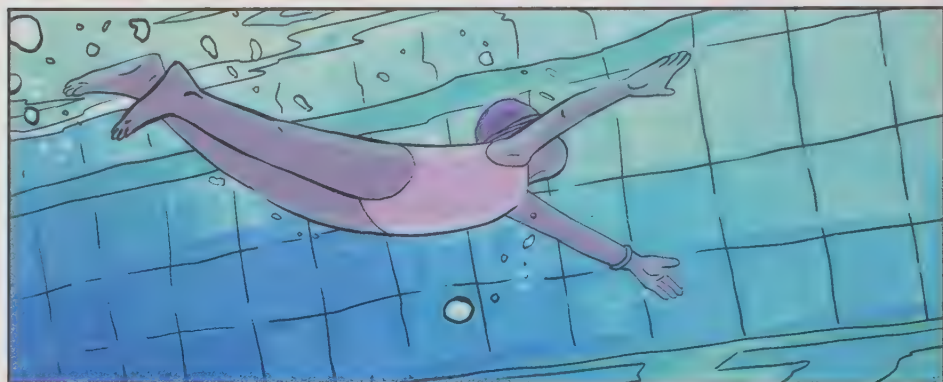








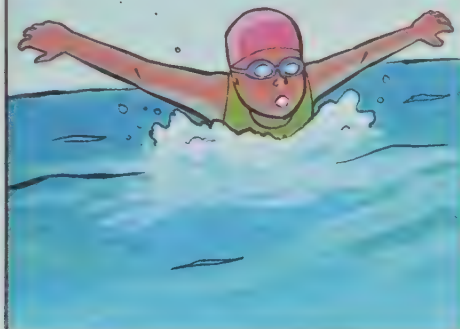








Butterfly



Backstroke



Breaststroke



And freestyle



First team to finish wins

It's a real team effort. The best relay teams are in sync, in the pool and out.

CANNONBALL!

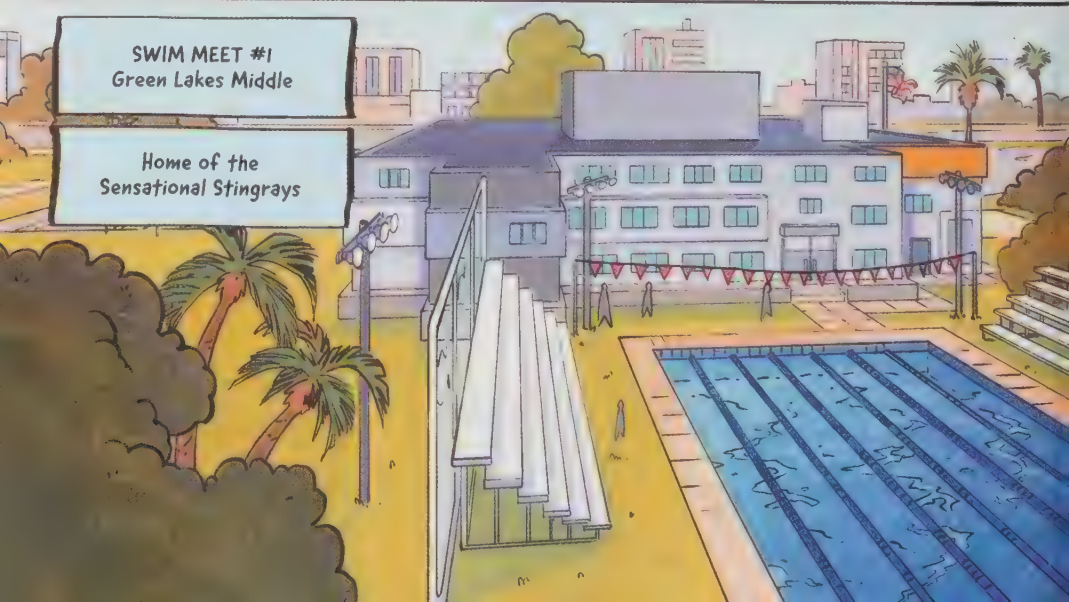


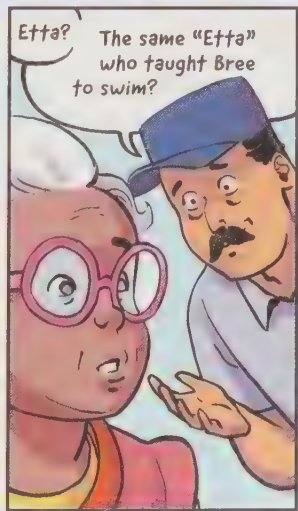
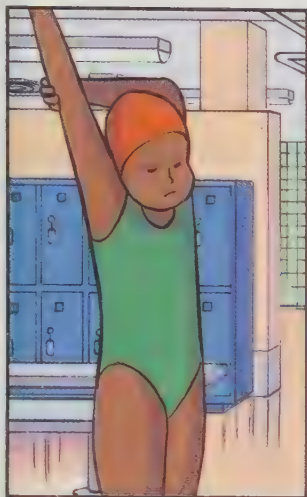


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Go, Manatees!









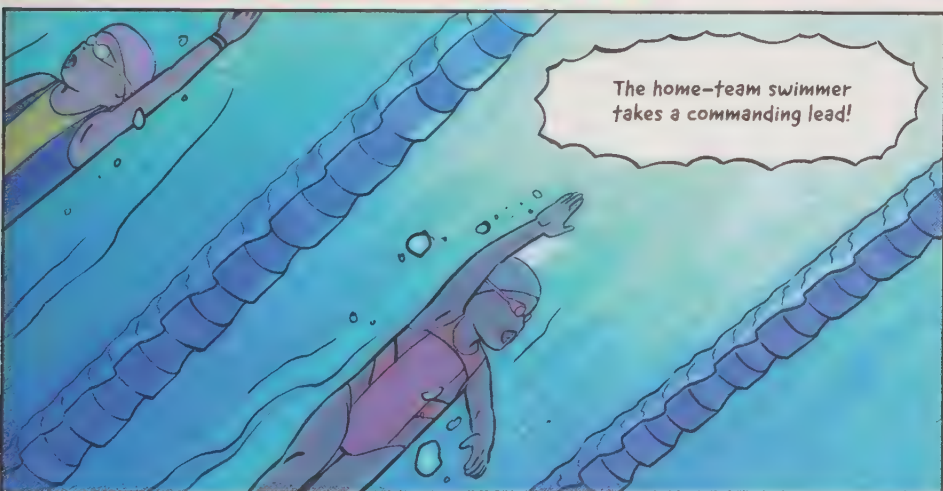


25 M FREESTYLE	
LANE	NAME
HEAT 1 of 1	
3	KEISHA FARNSWORTH
2	BREE HANLEY
	CHLOE VELEZ
	MAY PARKER
	ENA GONZALEZ





And our racers are off to a fiery start in the 25-meter freestyle!

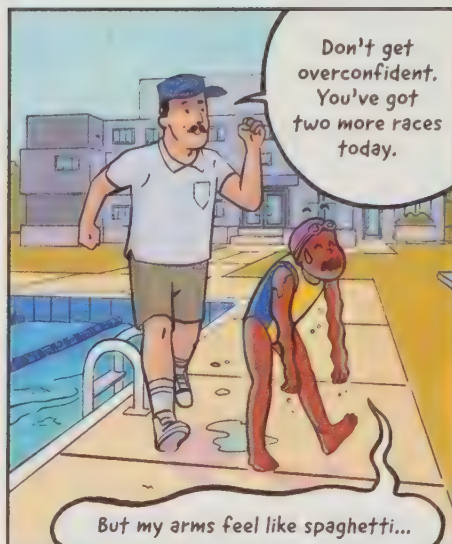


With all others close behind!

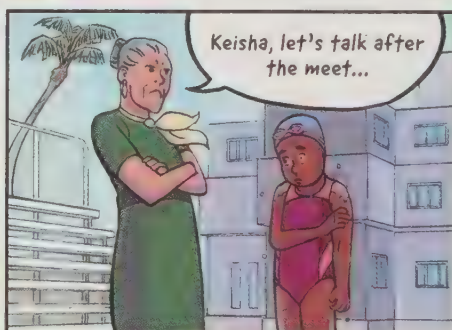




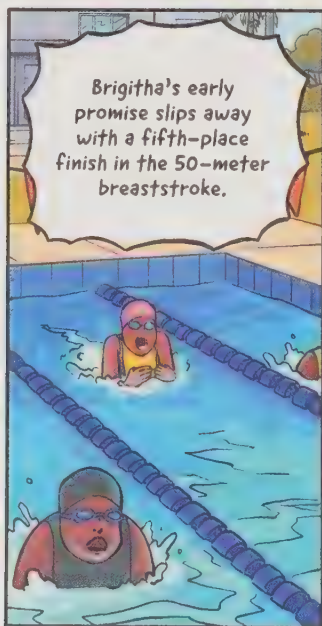
HOORAY,
BREE!



C'mon,
everybody,
we're on a
roll!



Brigitha's early
promise slips away
with a fifth-place
finish in the 50-meter
breaststroke.



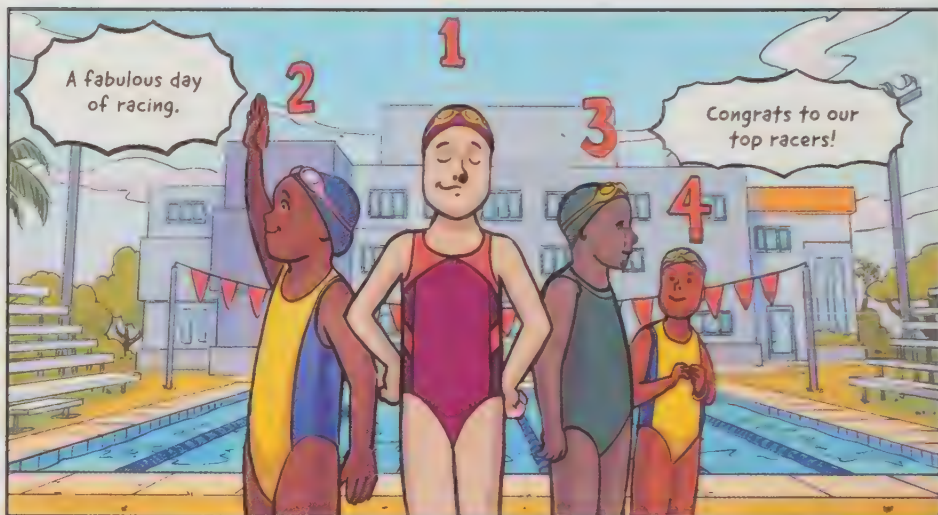
Our former
third-place finisher
comes in eighth
in the 50-meter
backstroke.



Maybe
I spoke too soon.
Let me know
when it's safe
to look.



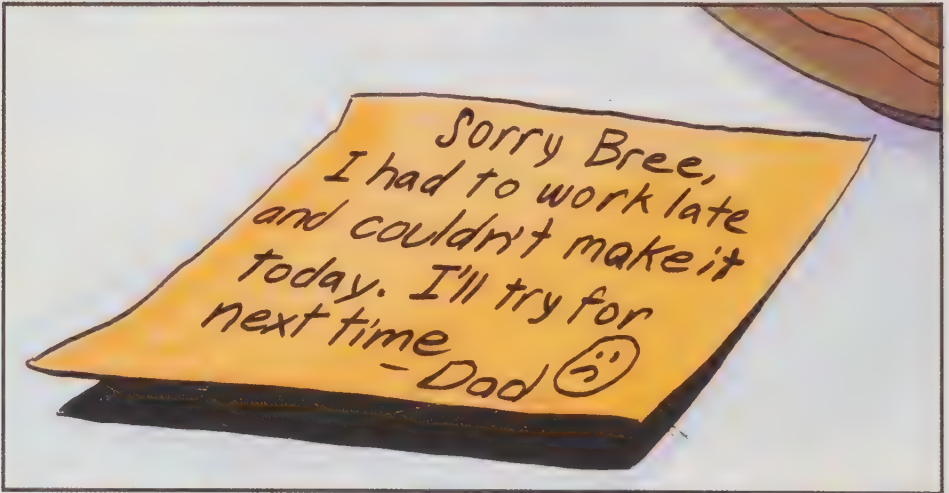
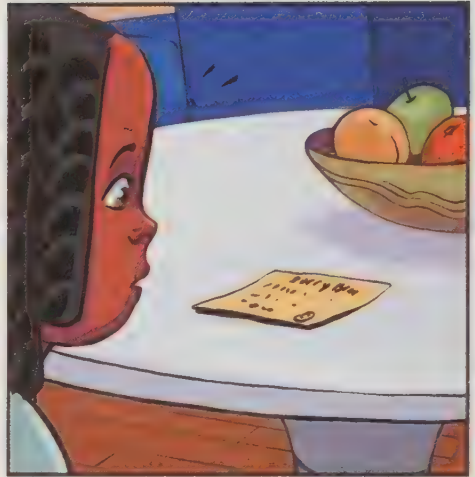




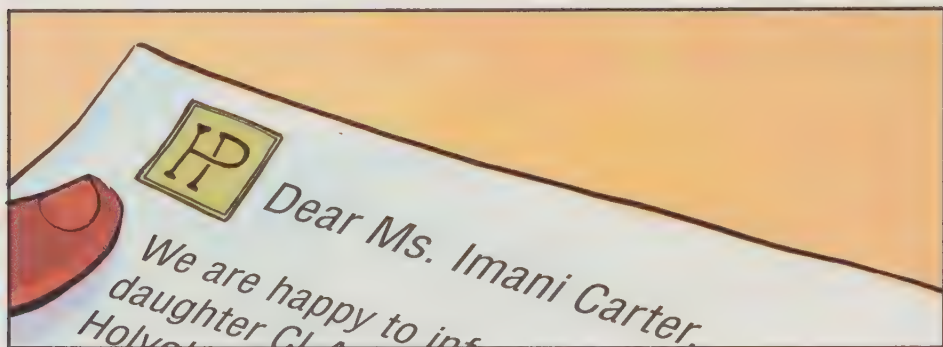










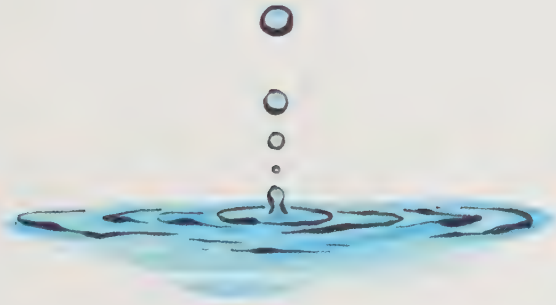


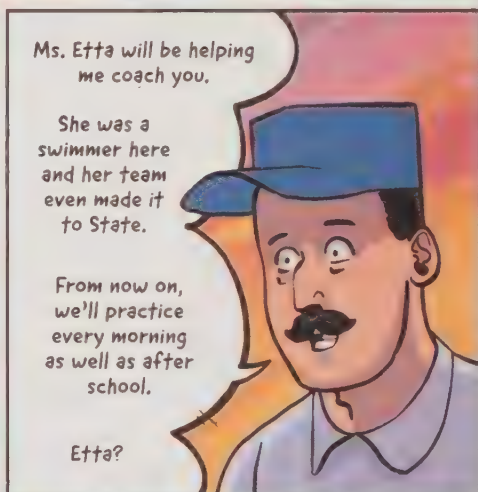
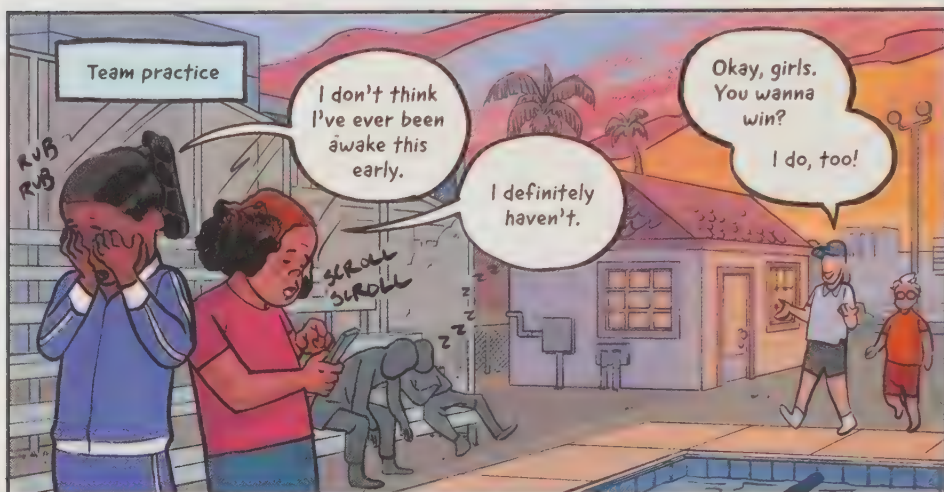
We are happy to inform you that your daughter CLARA has been accepted into Holyoke Preparatory Academy for next year on a swimming scholarship. Acceptance pending results of an academic entrance exam, in the area of mathematics.

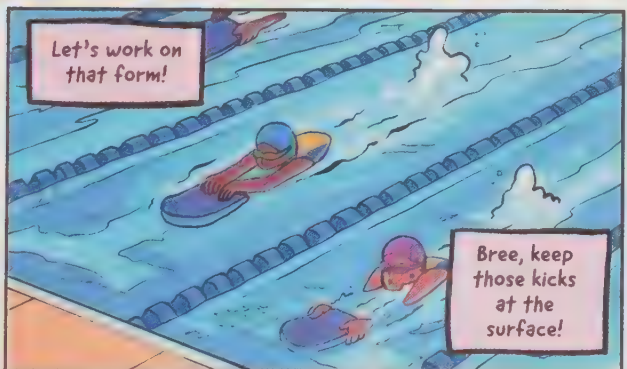
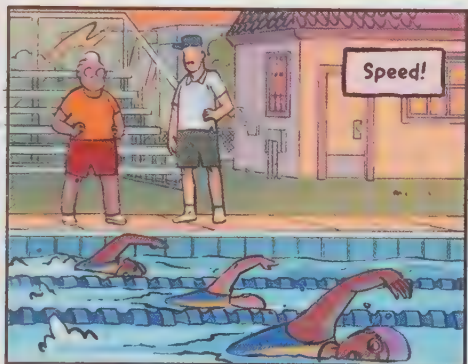


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Ripple Effect



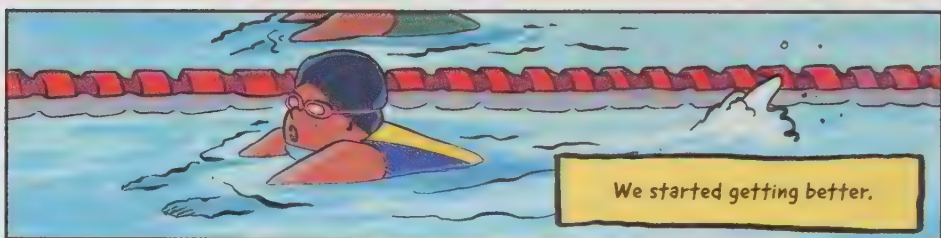




SWIM MEET #2
Alligator Way Middle
Home of the
Golden Gators

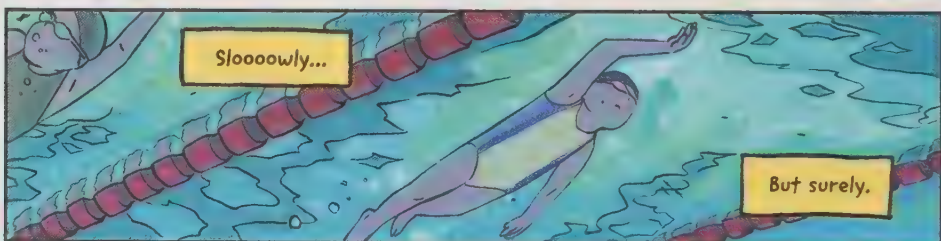


We started getting better.



Sloooooowly...

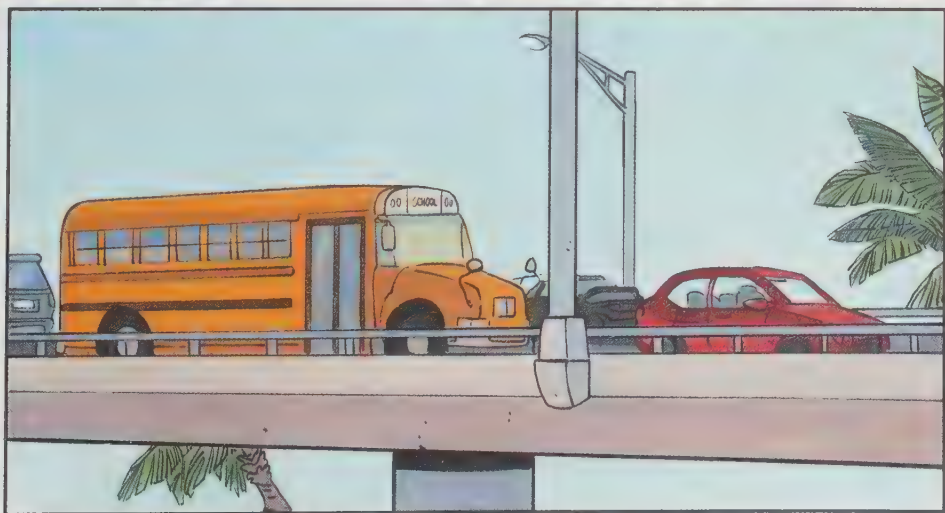
But surely.

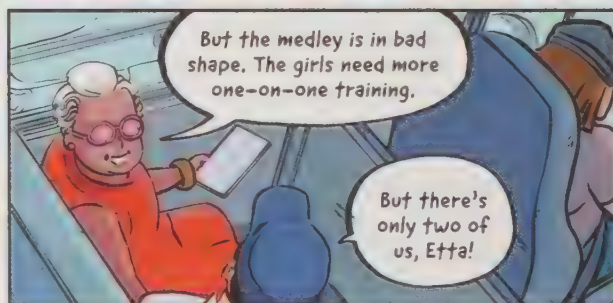
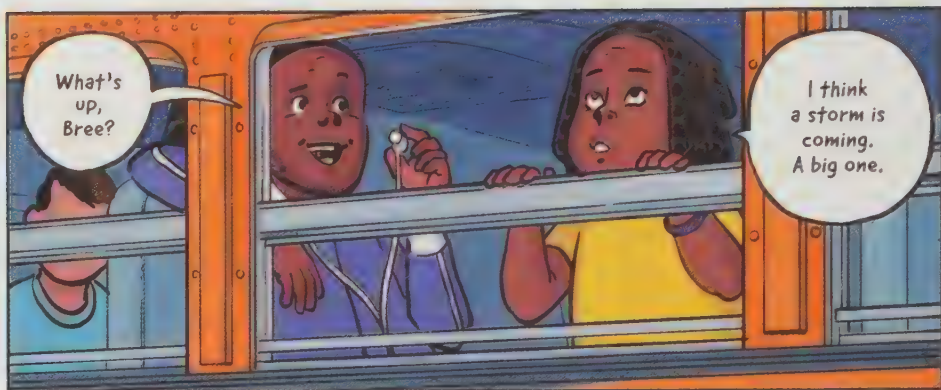


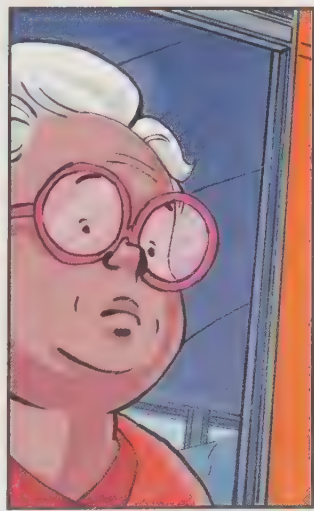
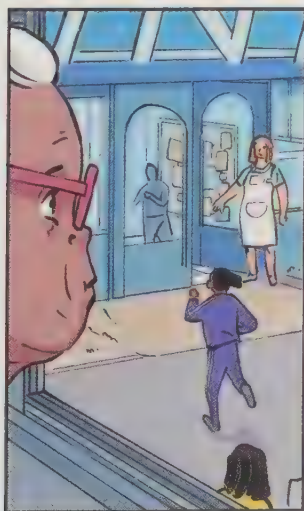
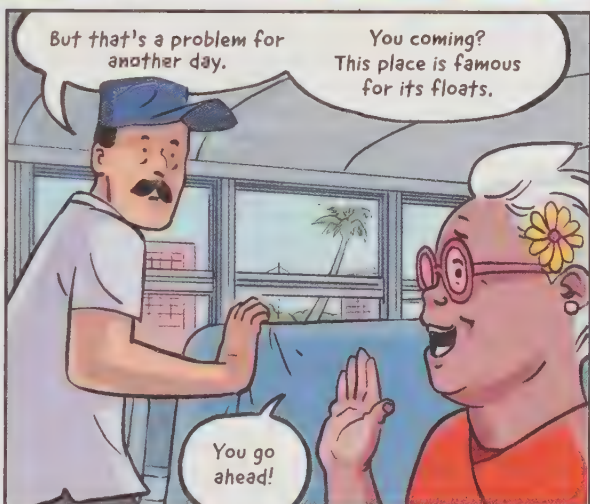
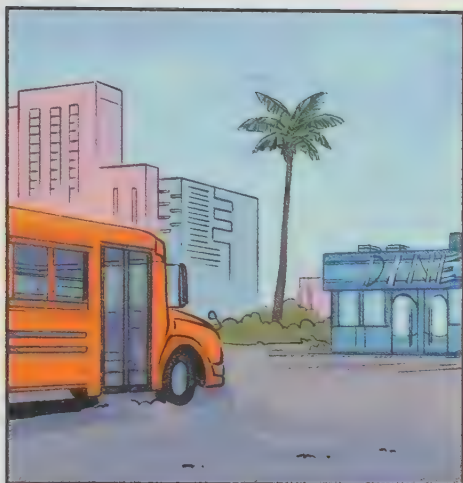
You can
do it!



After the meet



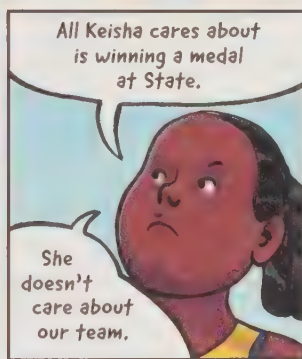
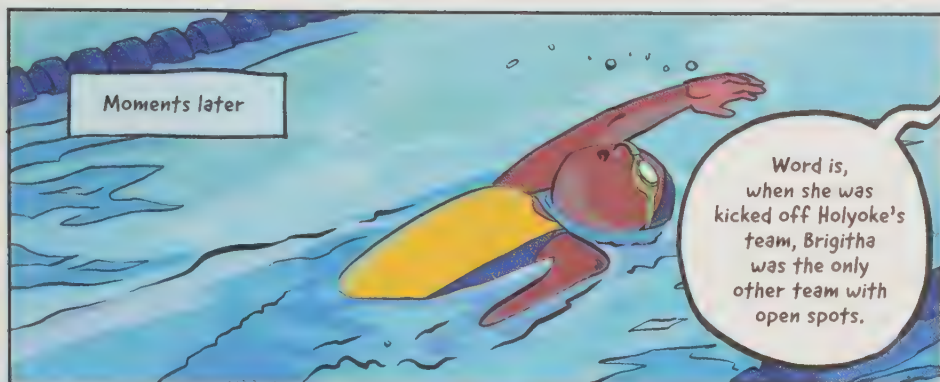




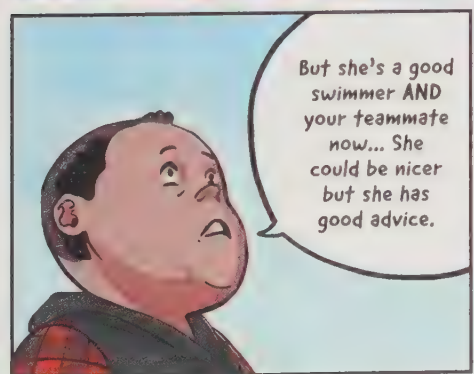




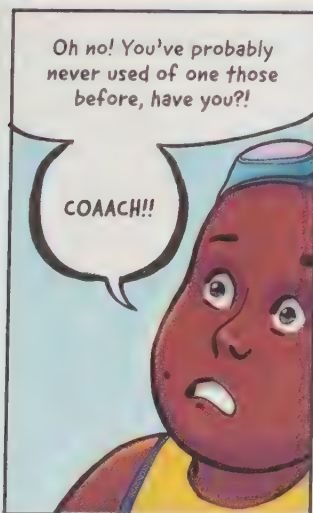
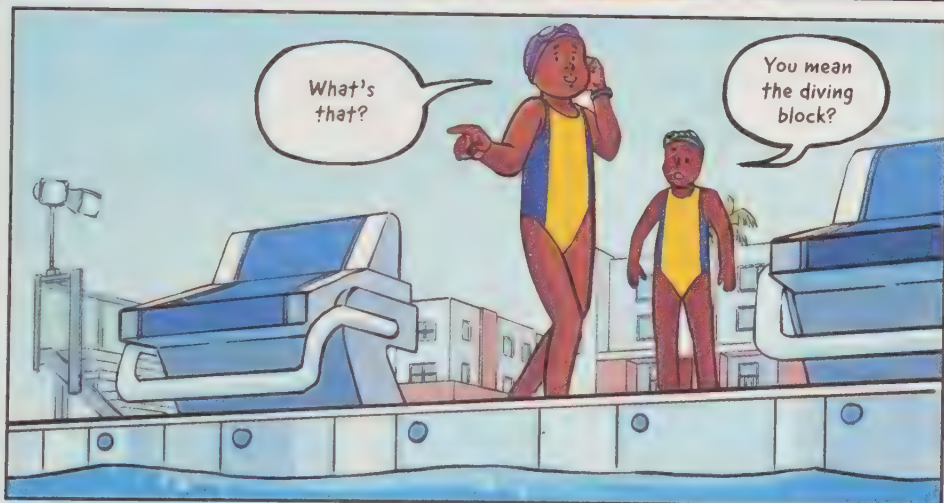


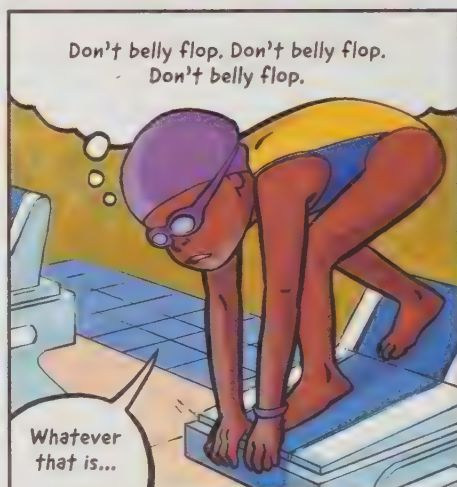


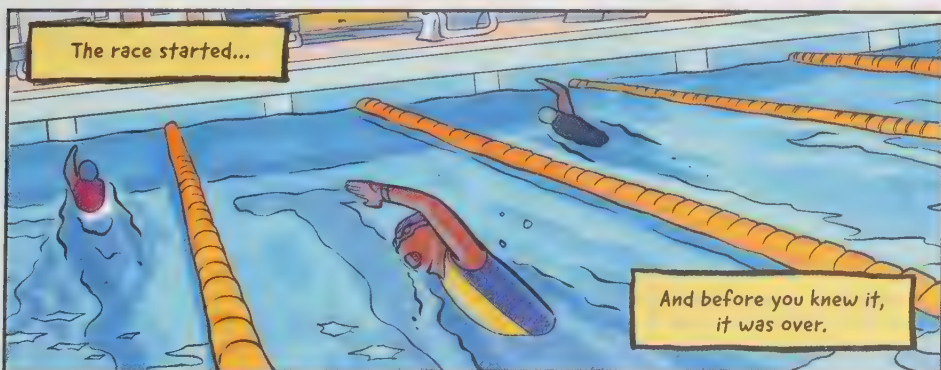
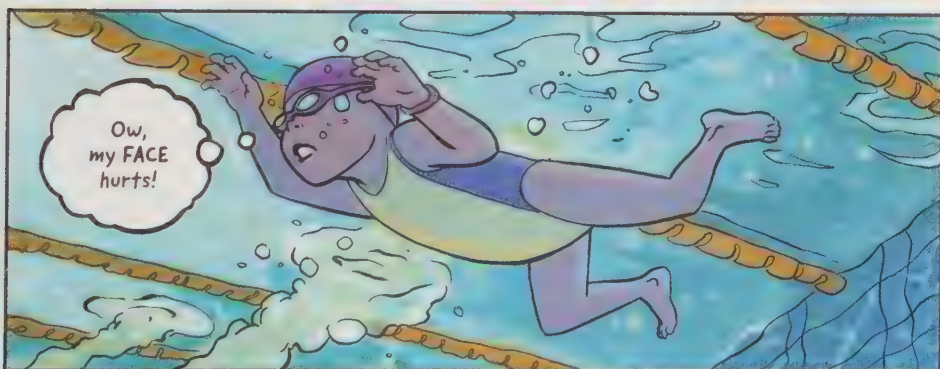
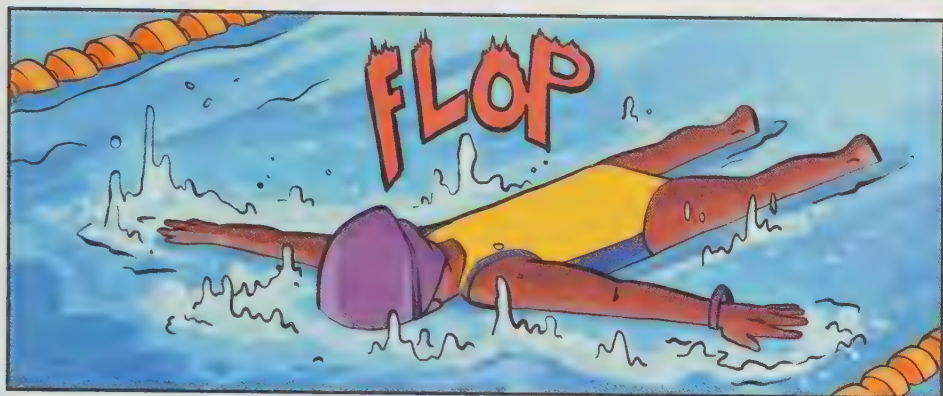


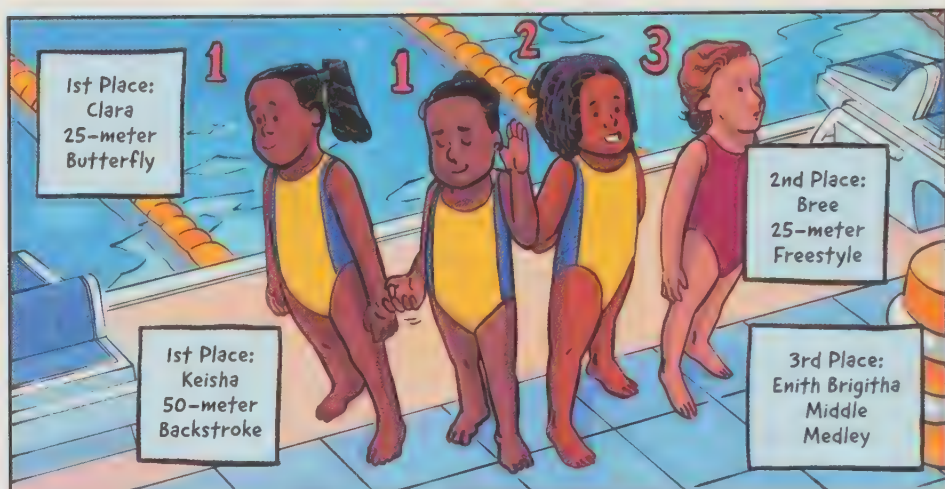






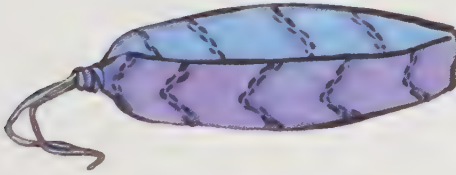


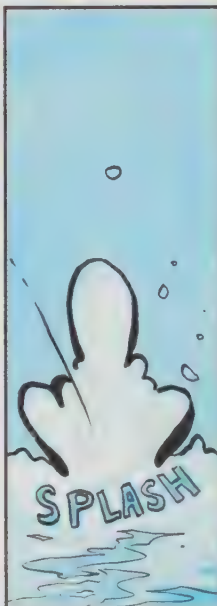
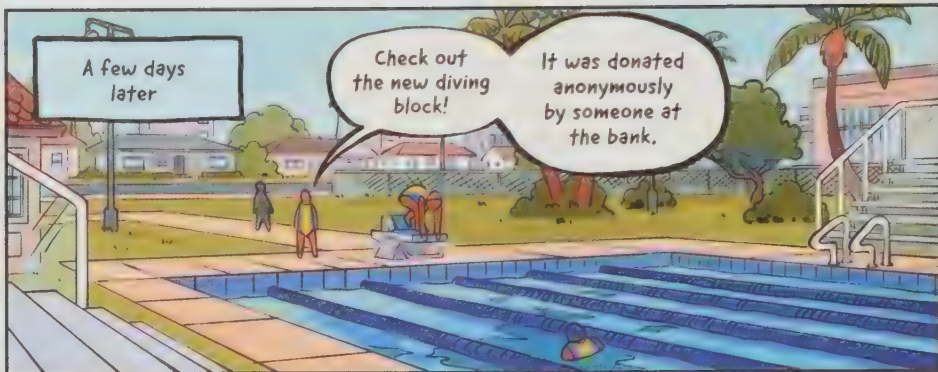


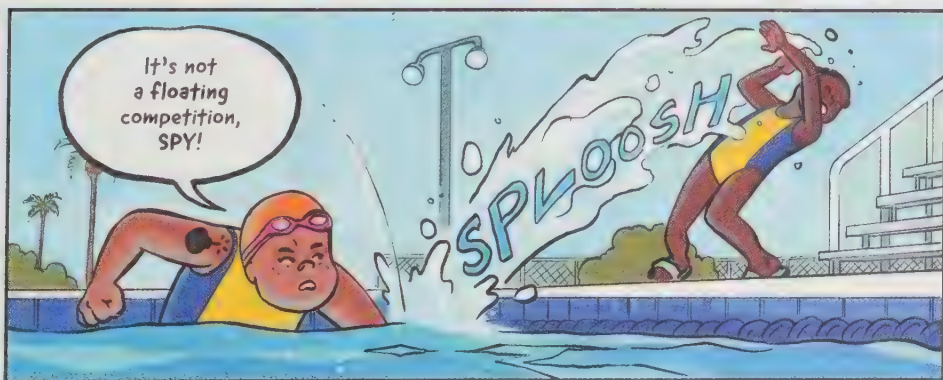


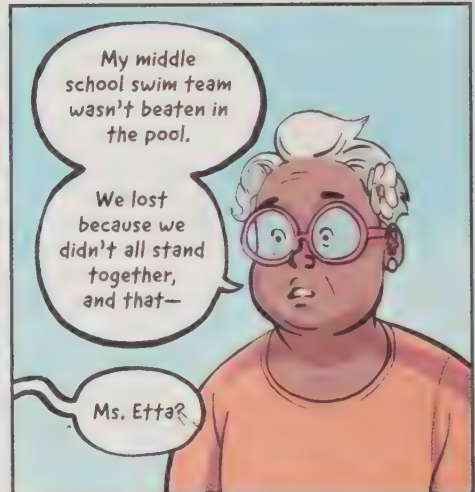
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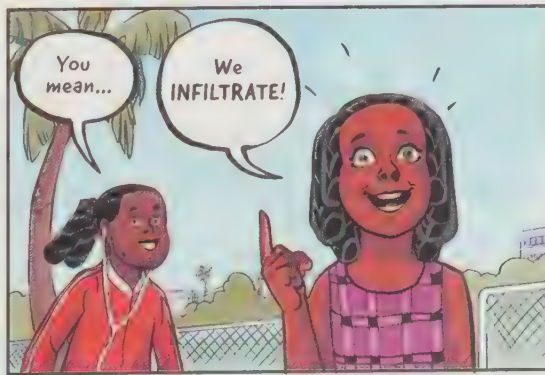
Pushing Off











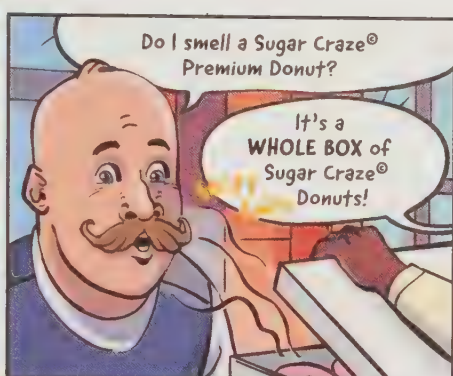


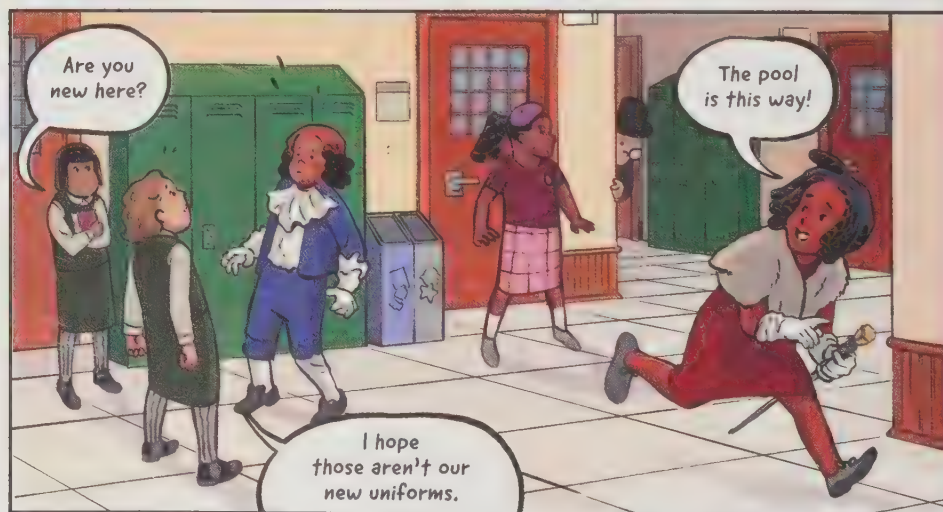


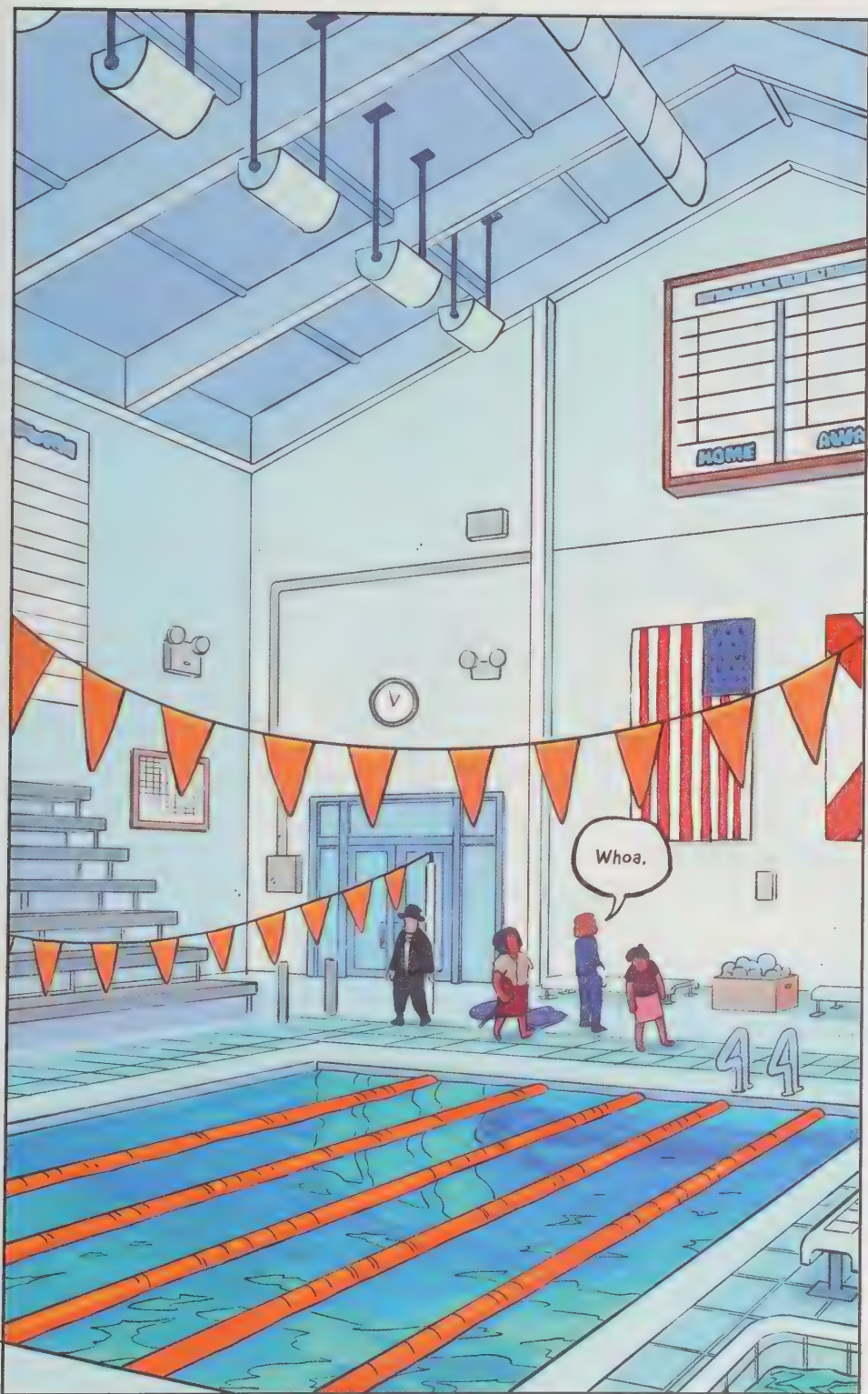




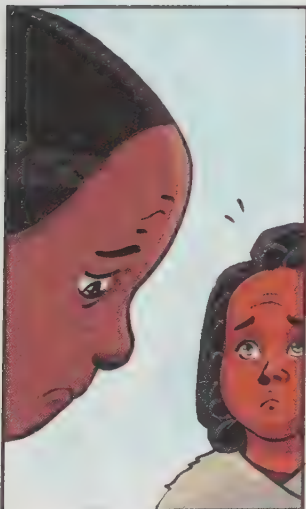


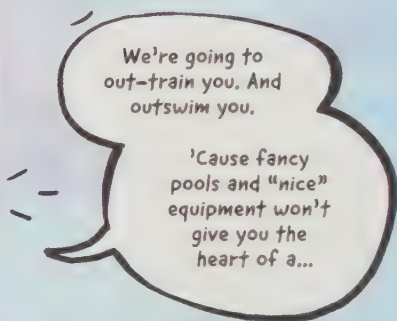


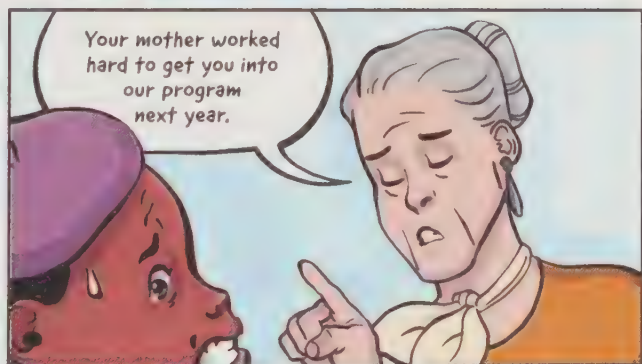


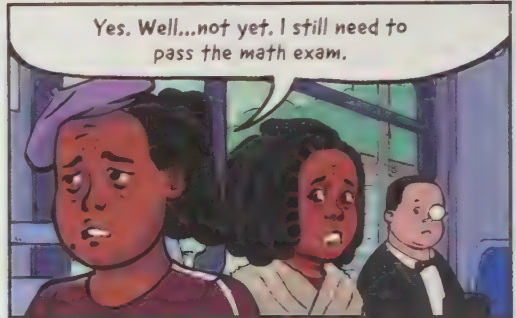




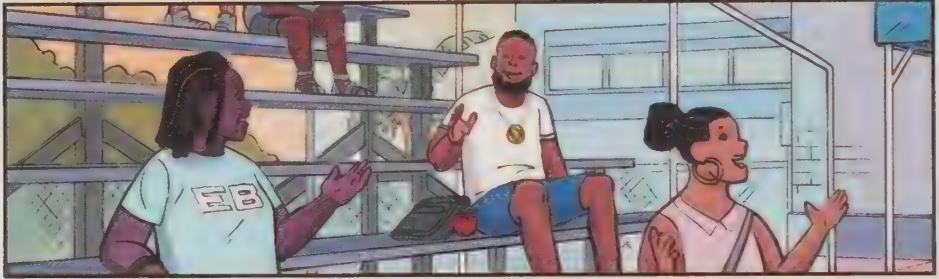
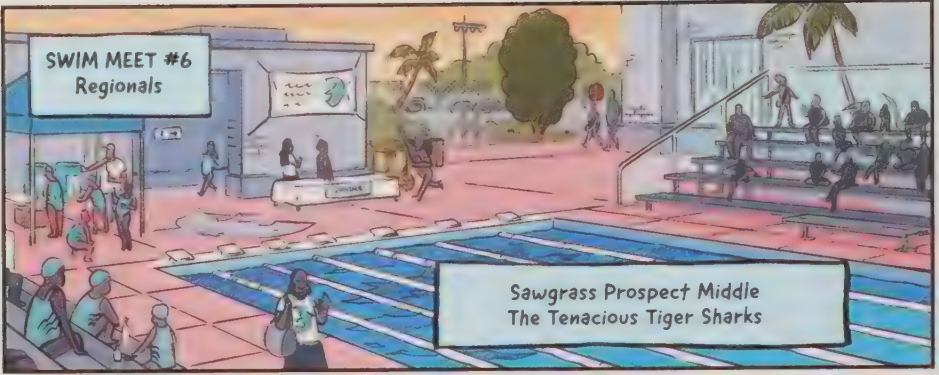


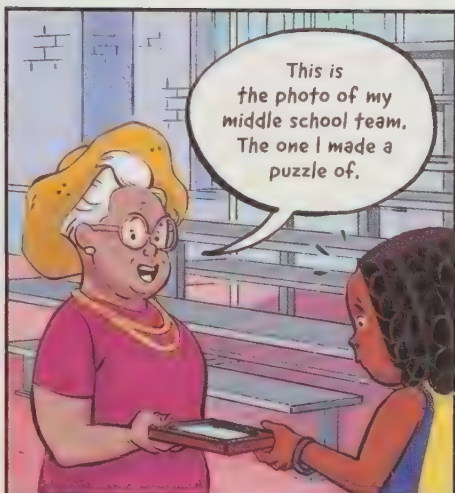


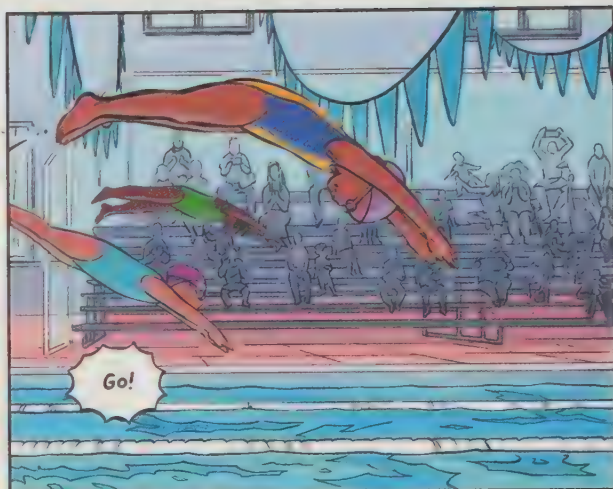


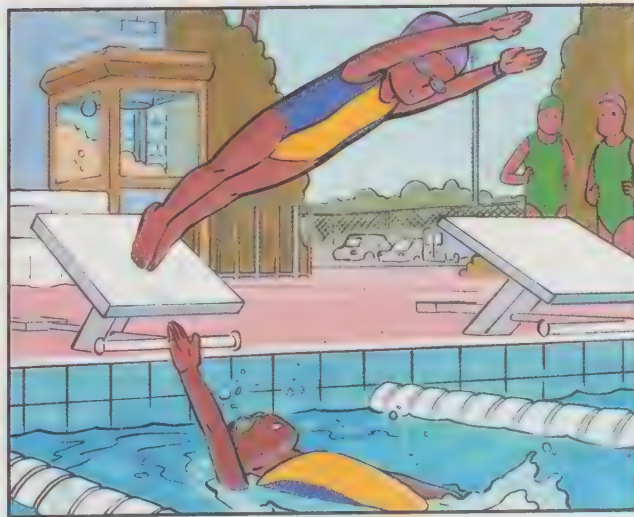










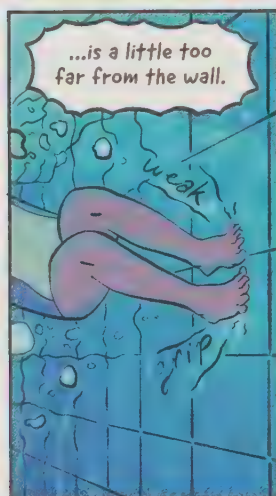




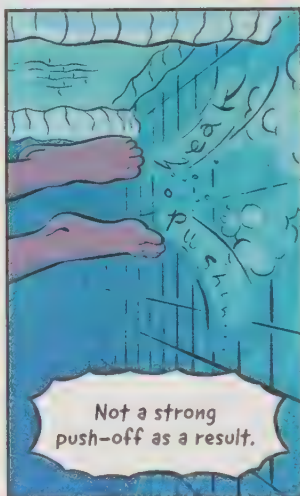
Don't mess up
the turn, Bree.



Looks like Bree...



...is a little too
far from the wall.



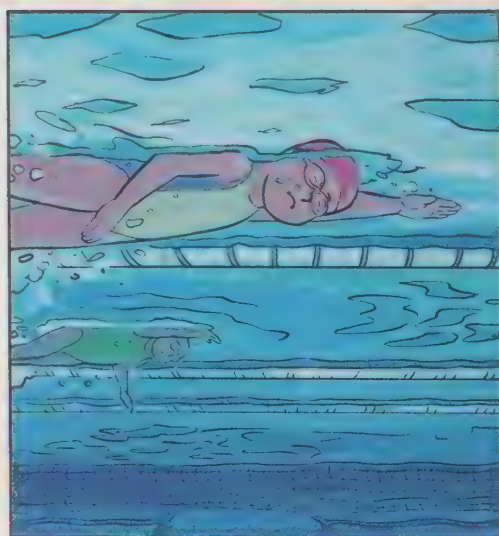
Not a strong
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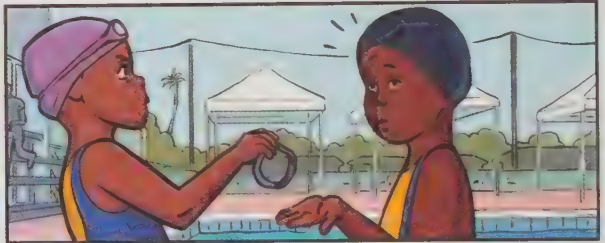
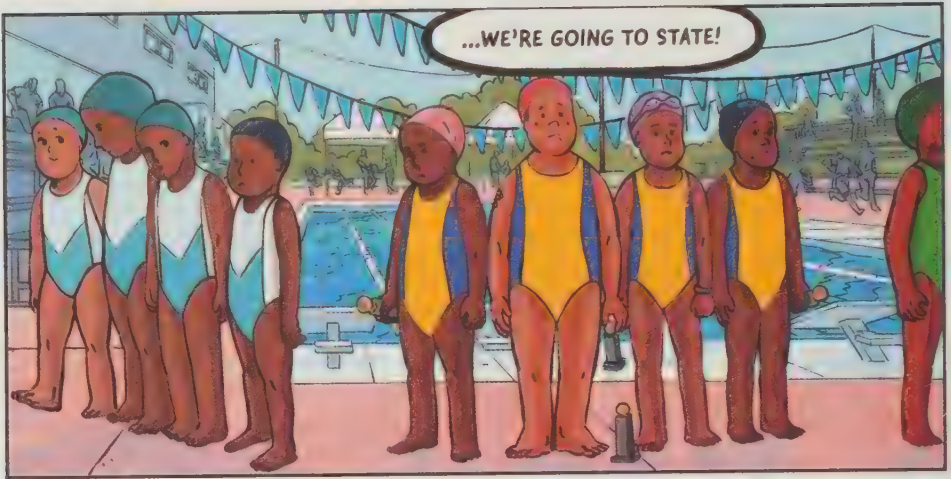
But she's making up for
it with sheer effort.



Now for the
last leg!









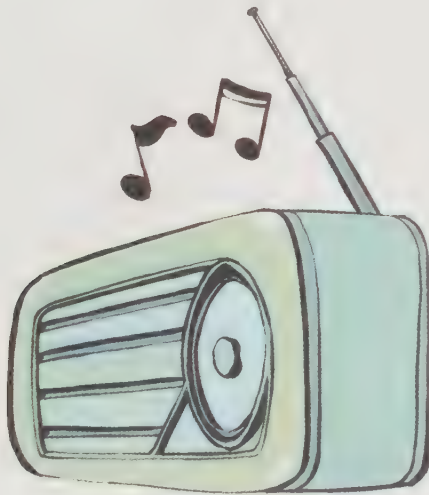






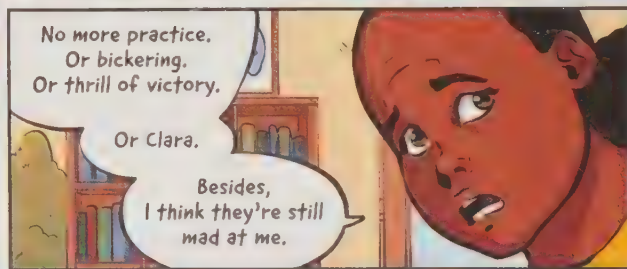
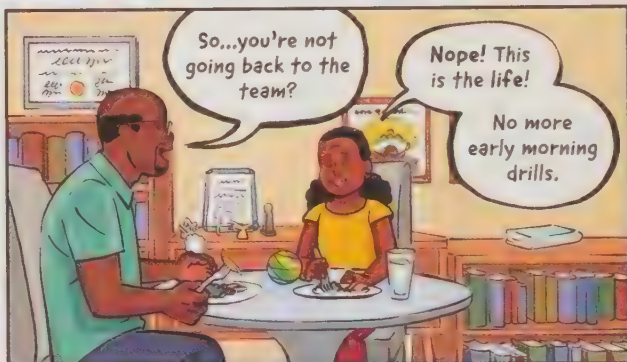
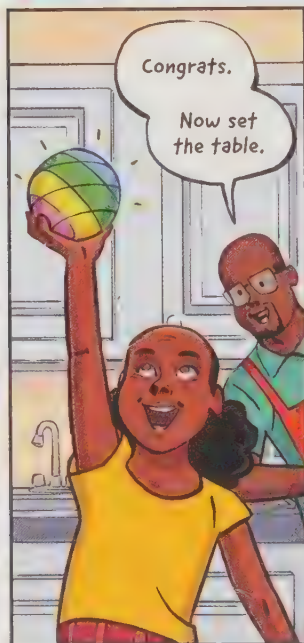
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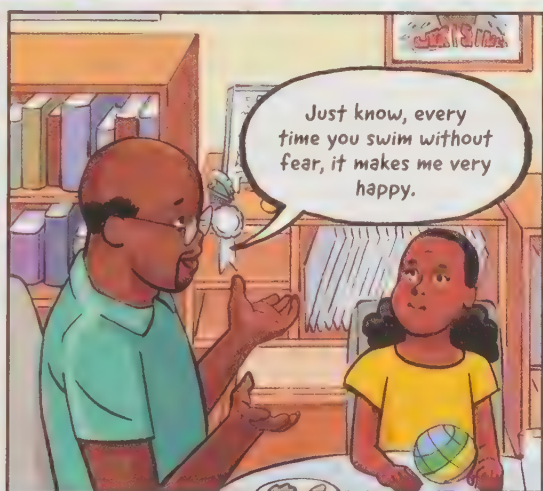
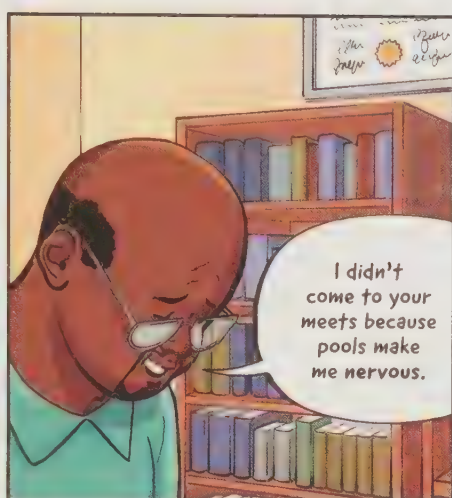
Swim Sisters



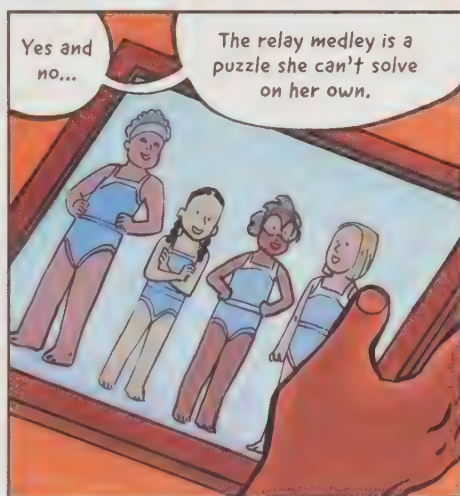


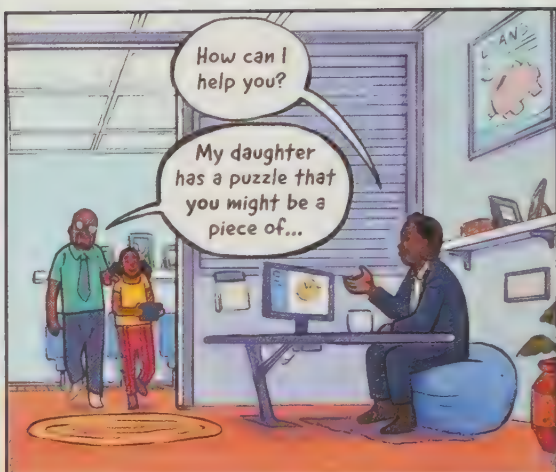
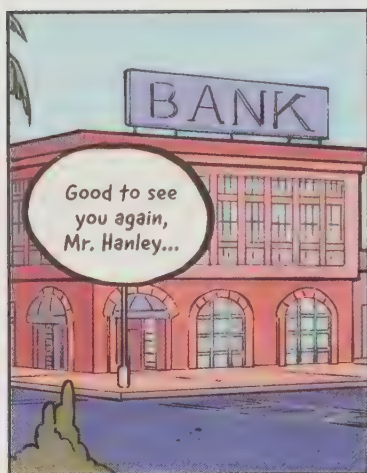


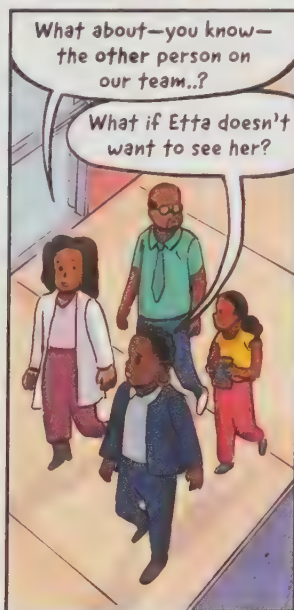
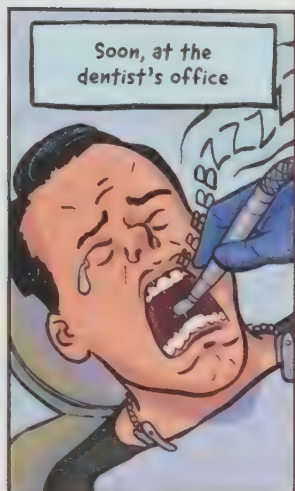




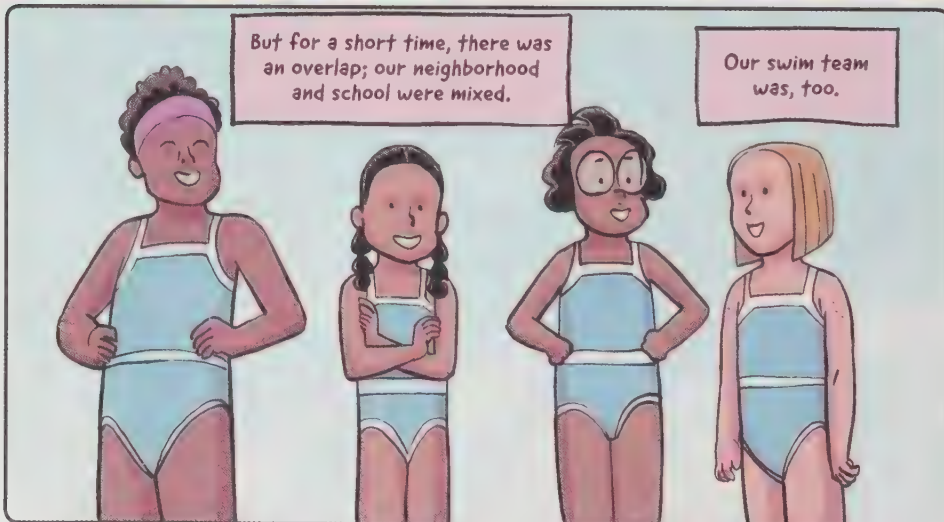
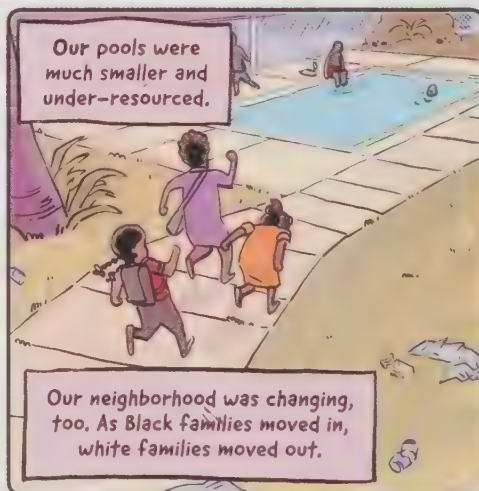
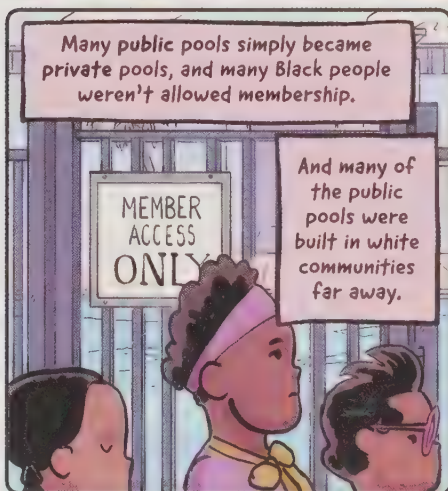


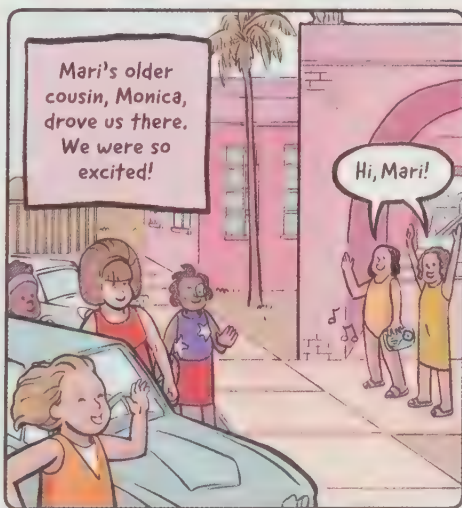
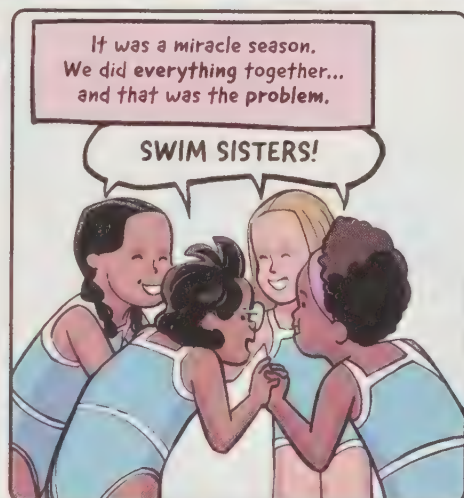
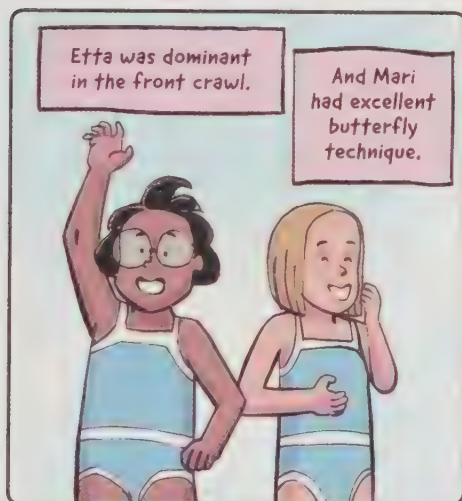


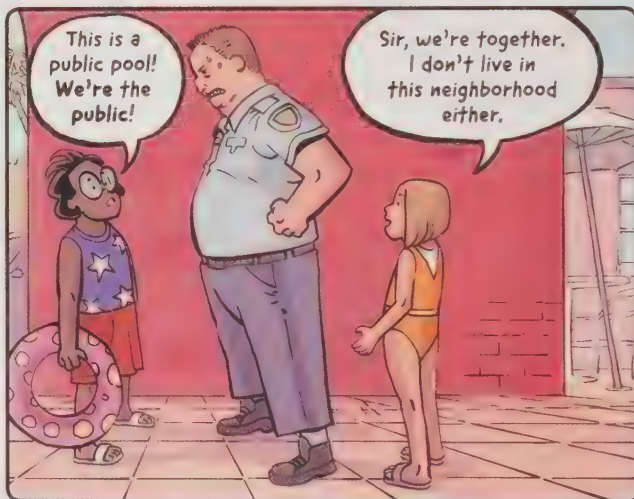


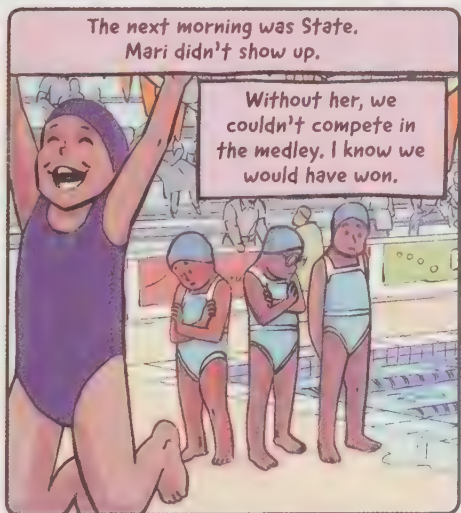


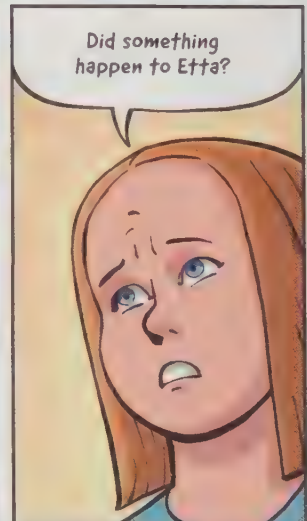
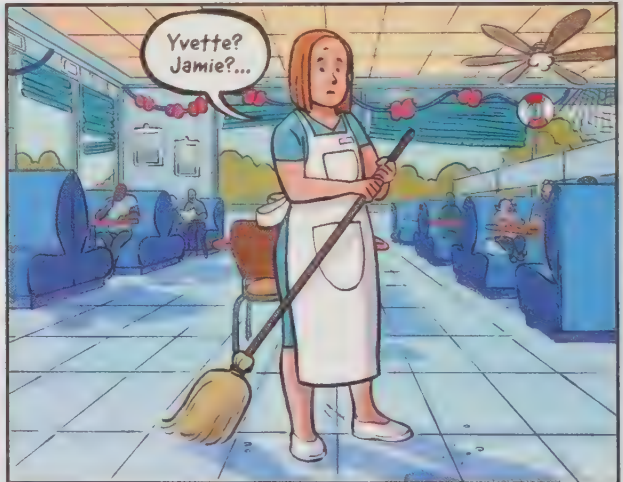
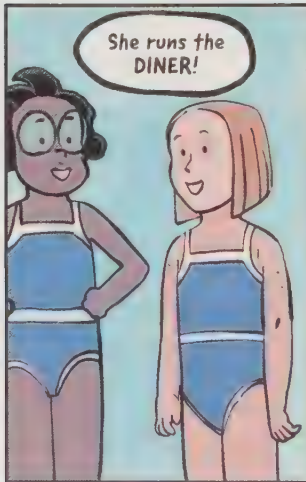
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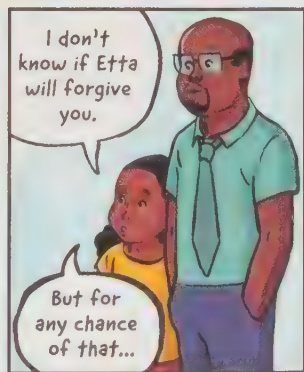
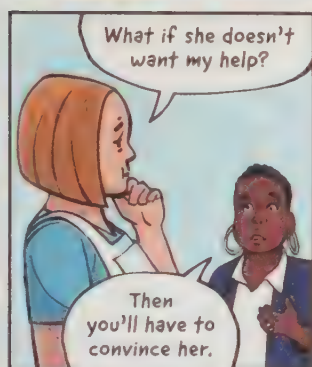
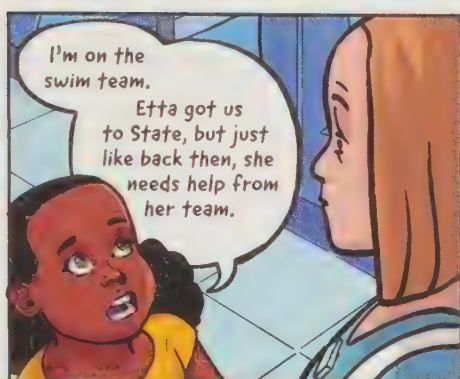


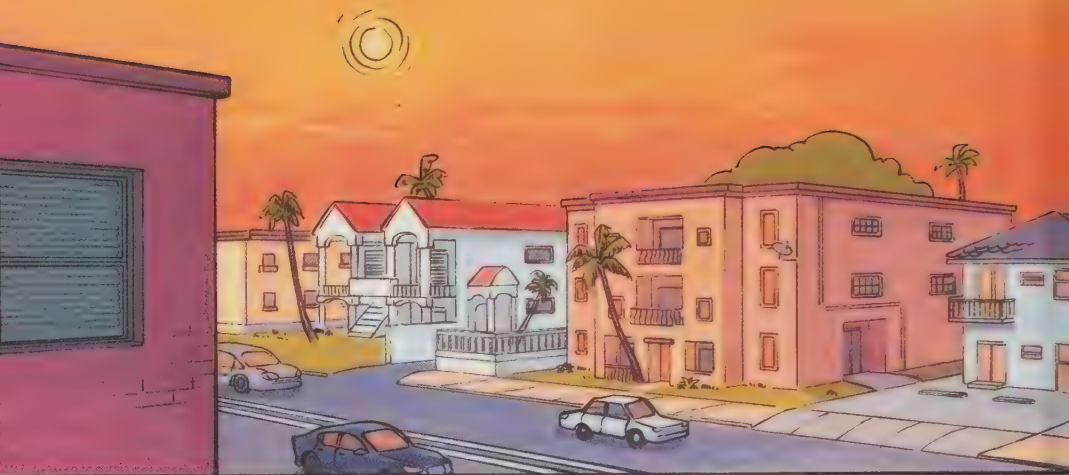


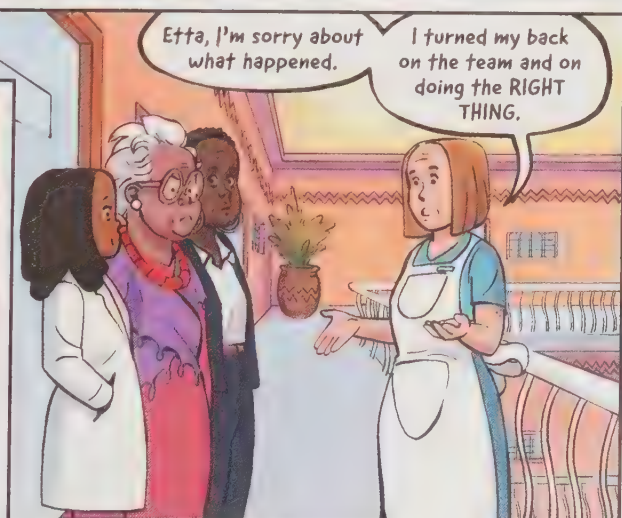
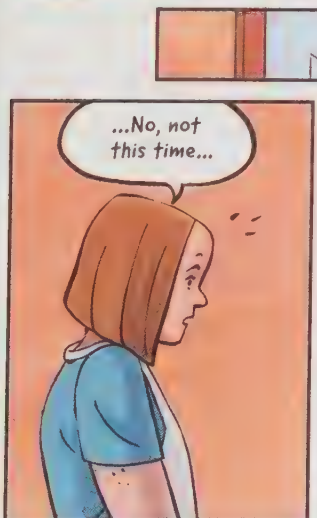
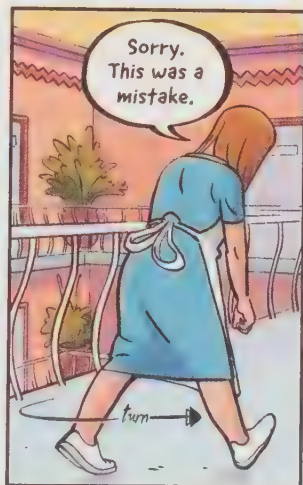
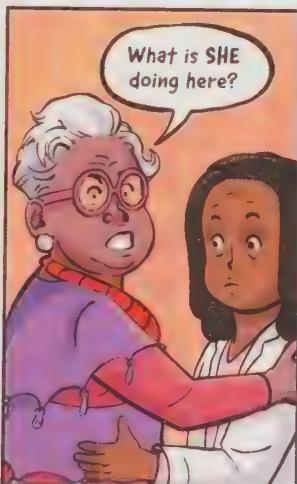
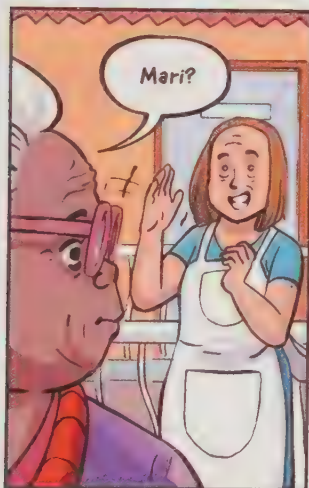


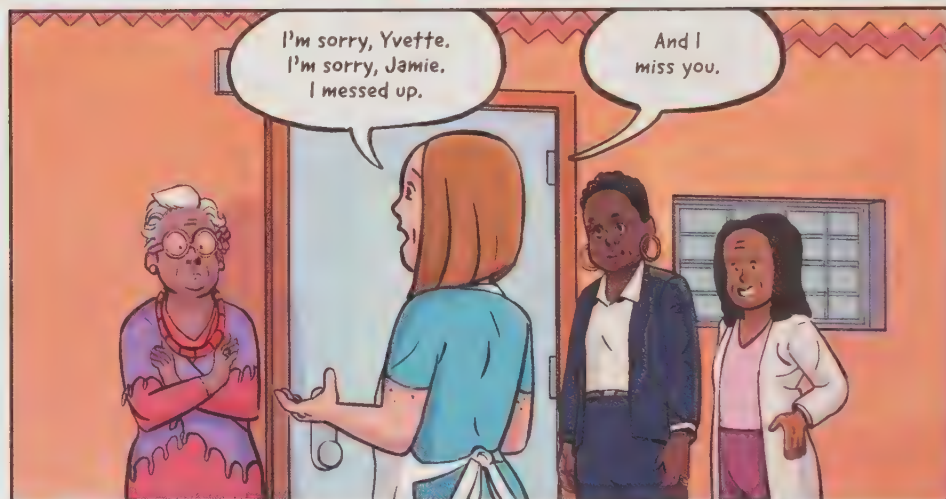
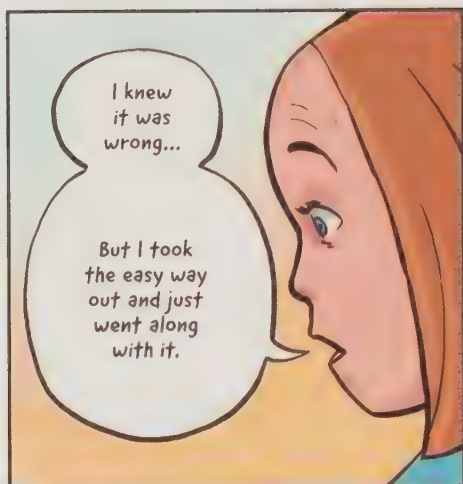


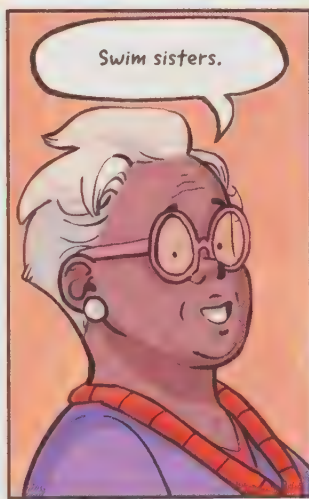










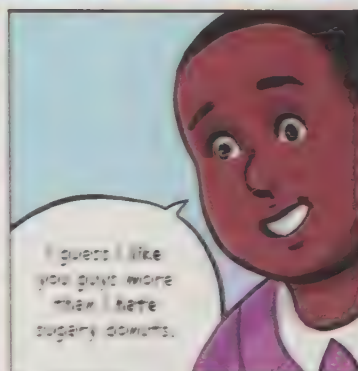


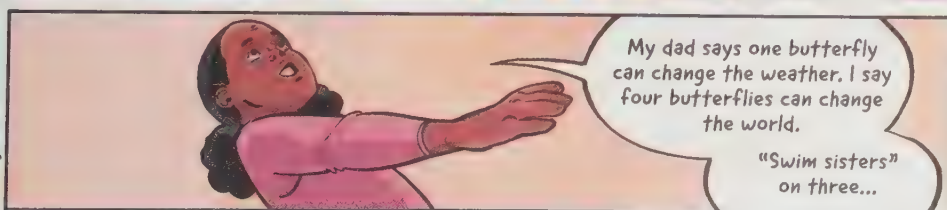
The next day at school

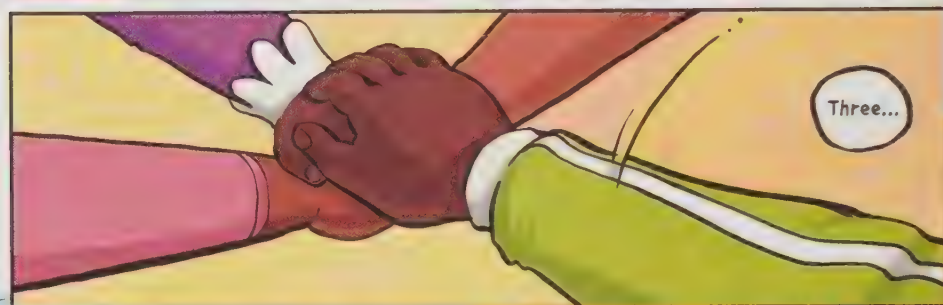
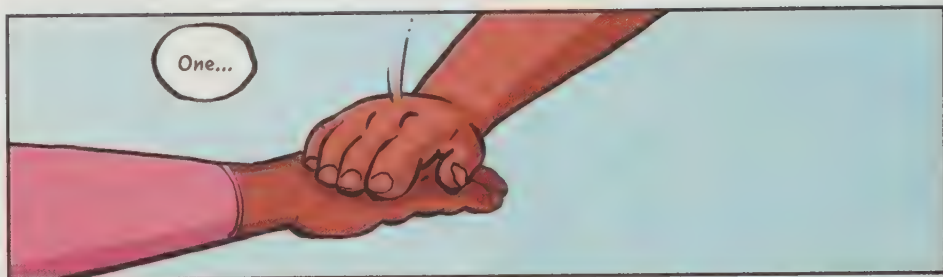
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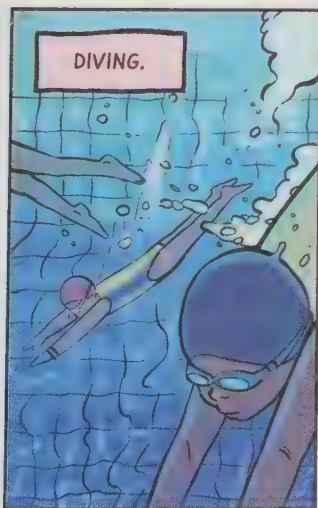
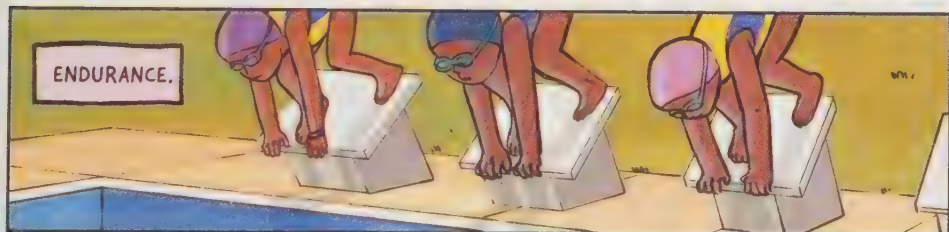
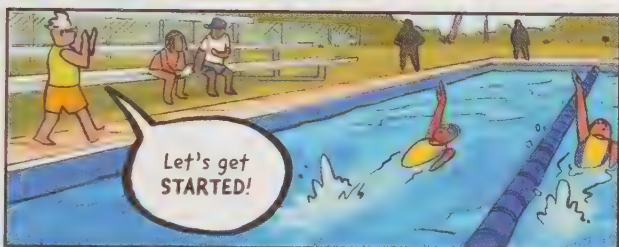
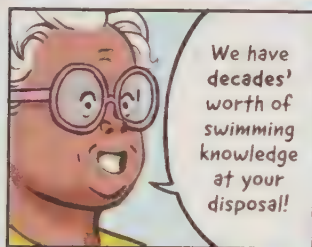














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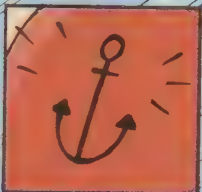
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Holyoke Prep School
Home of the
Heck-Raising Herons

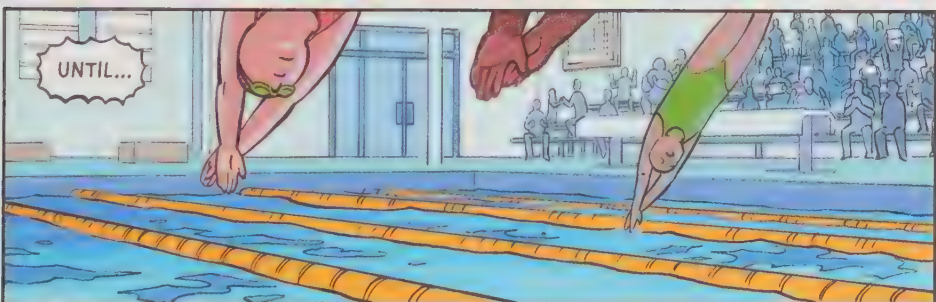
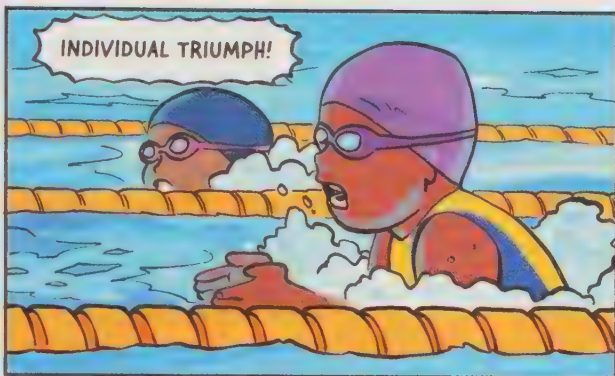
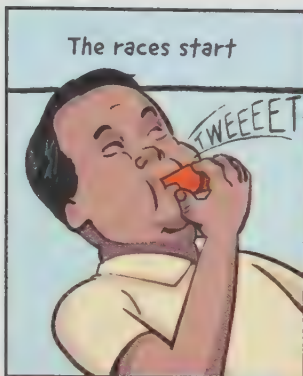


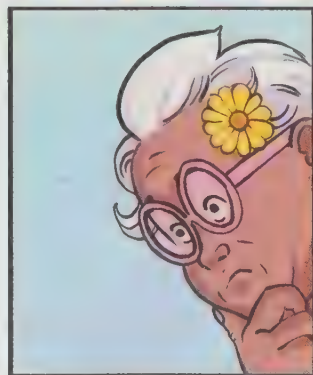
Swim
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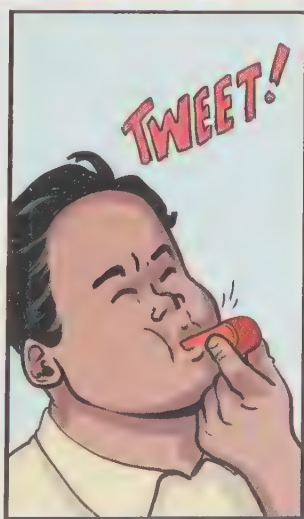
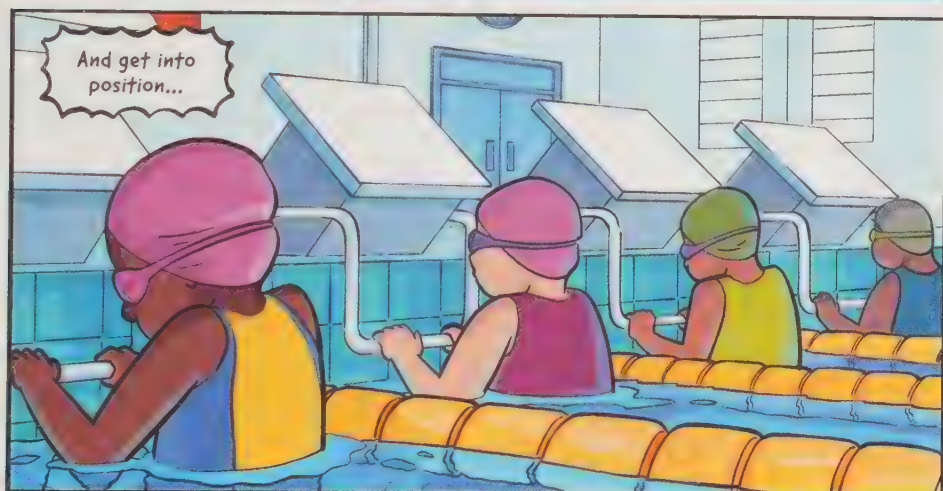
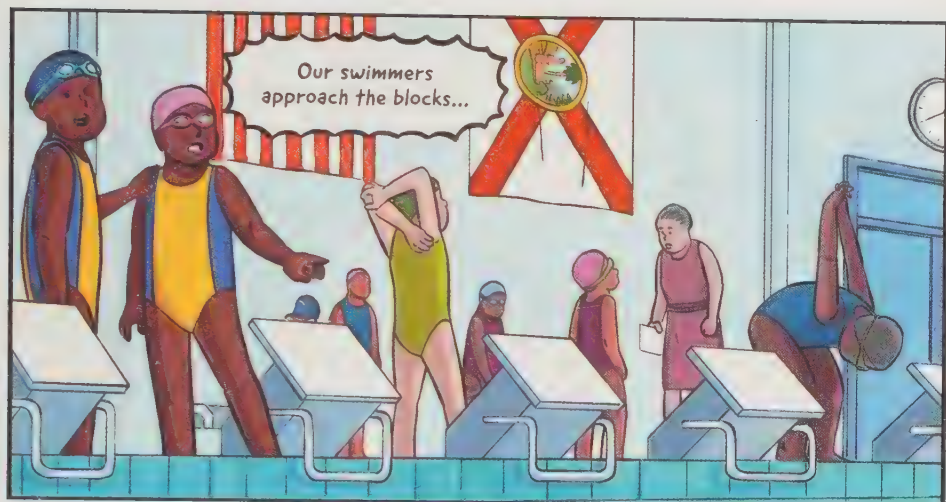
Welcome the
best middle school swim
teams in the state
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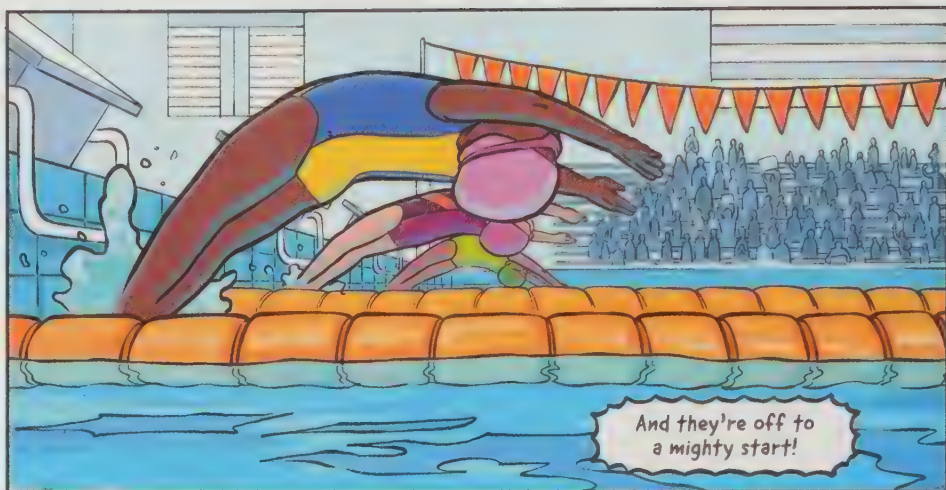


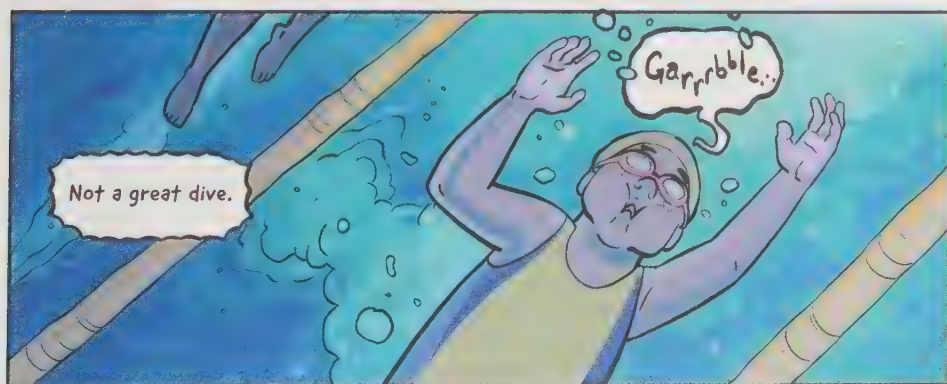
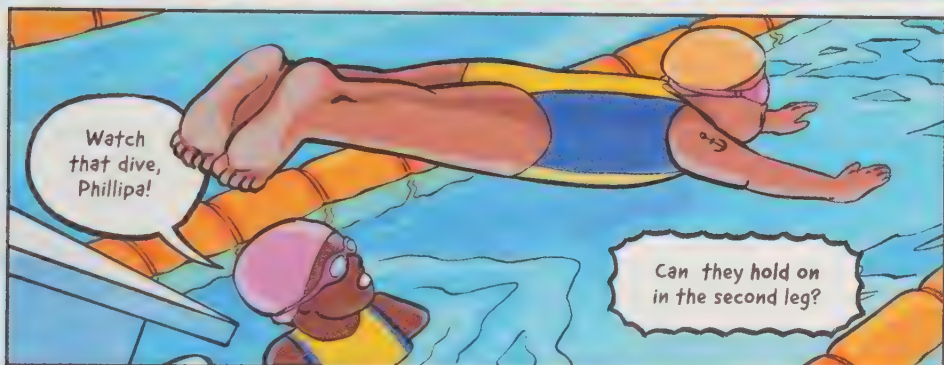
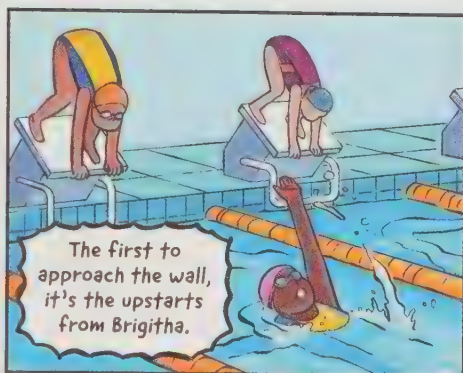
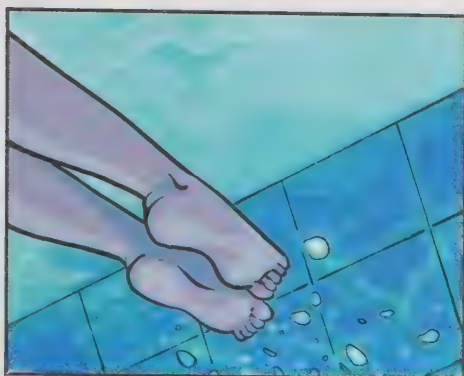


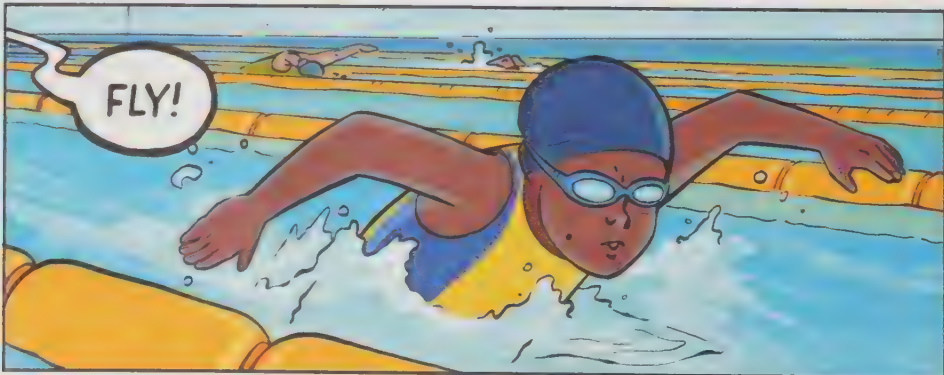
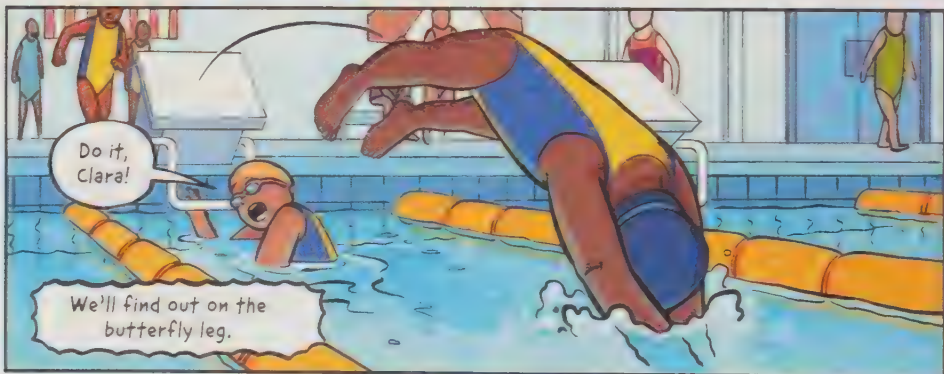
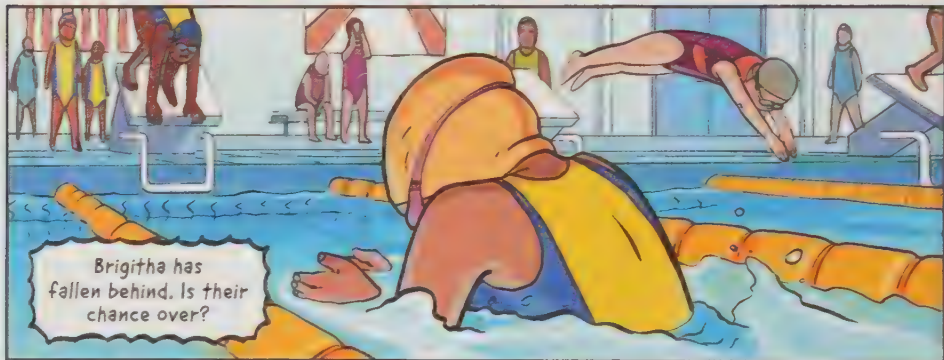
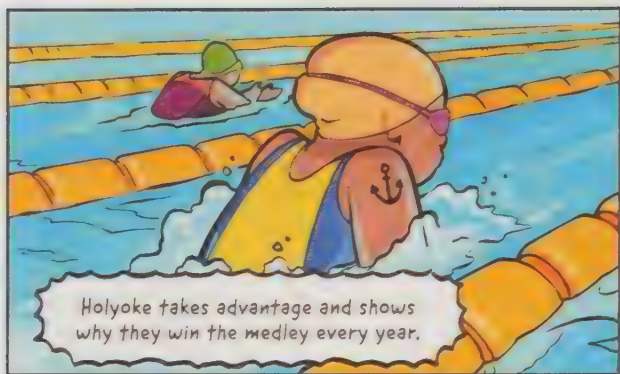


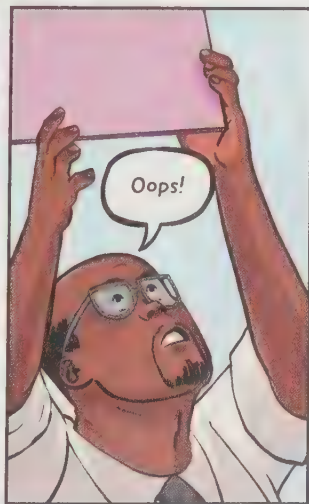
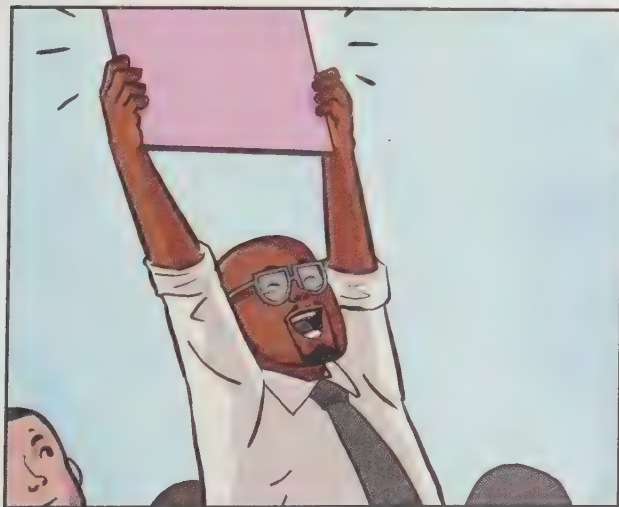


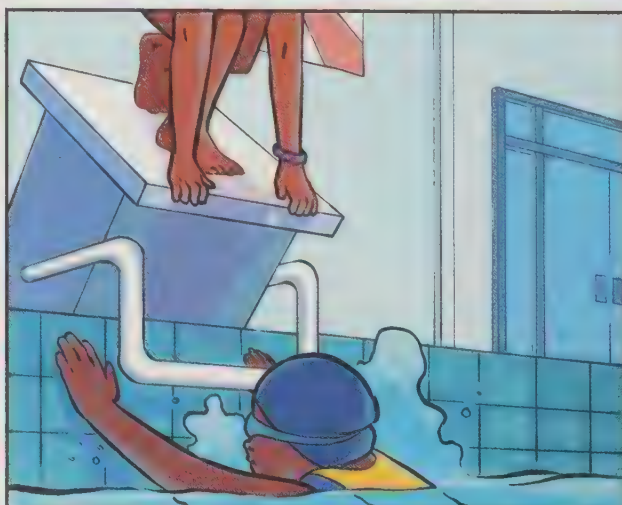


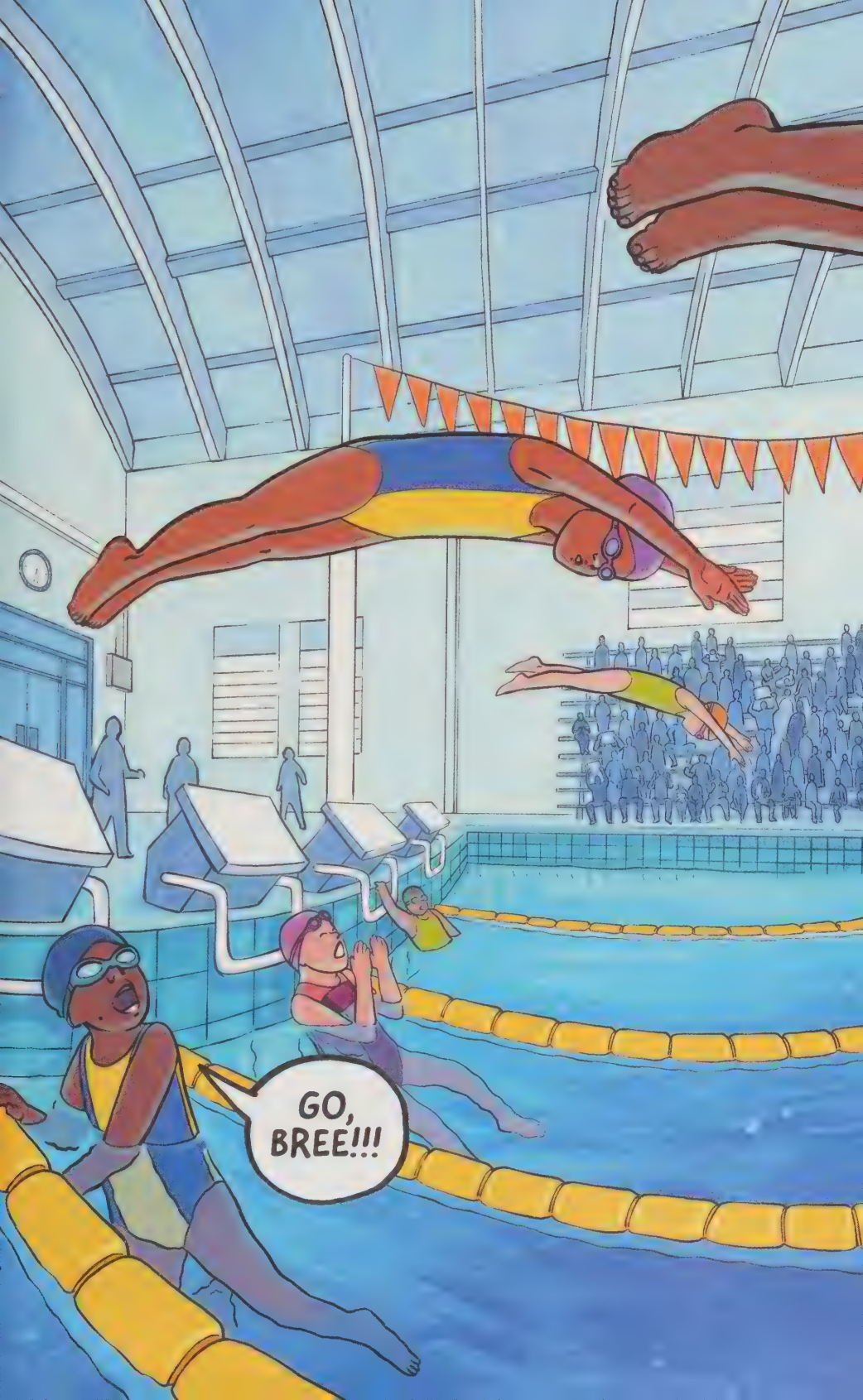


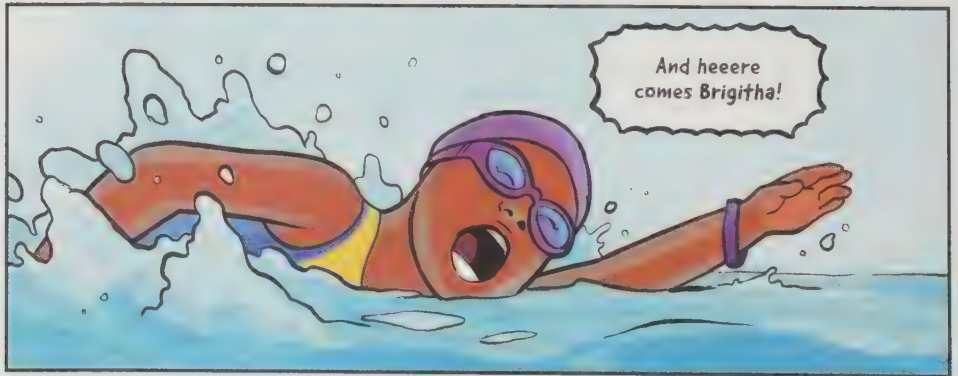
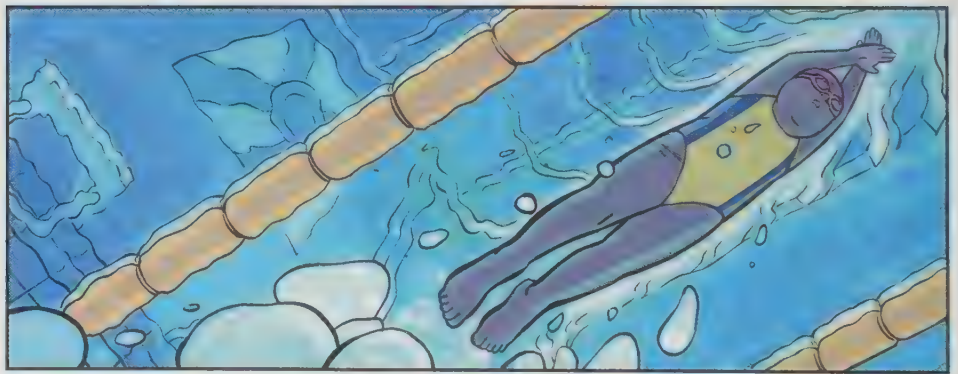
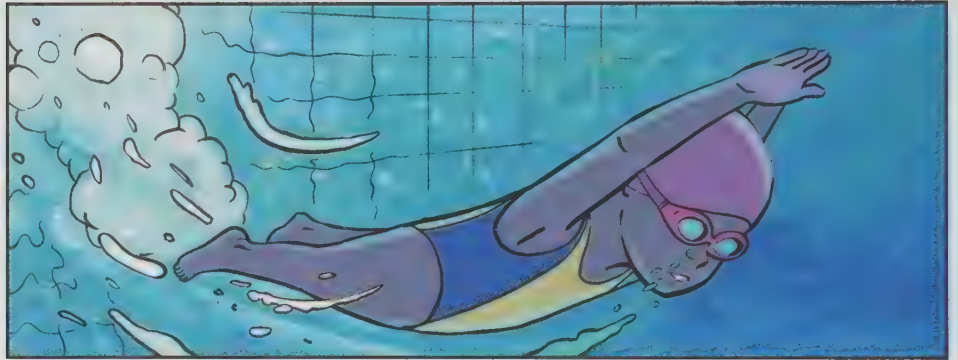
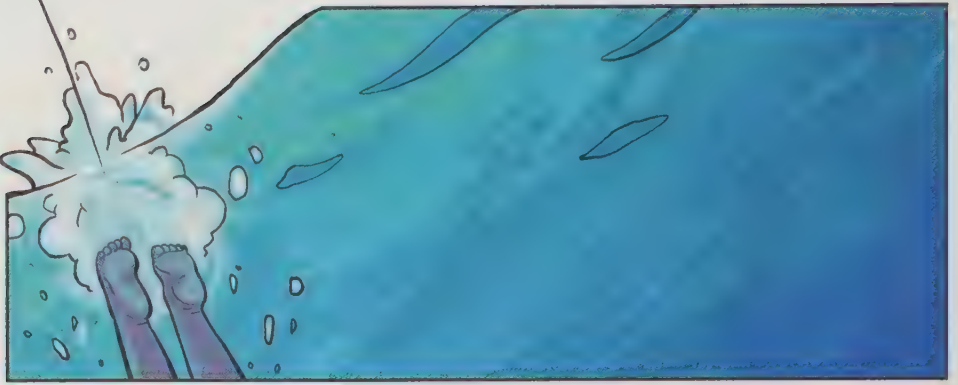


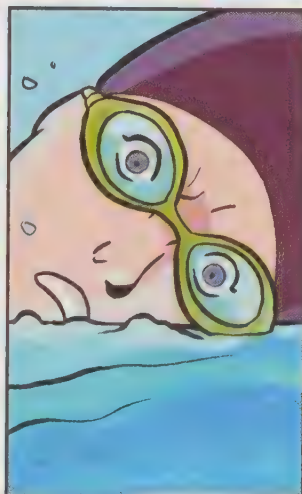
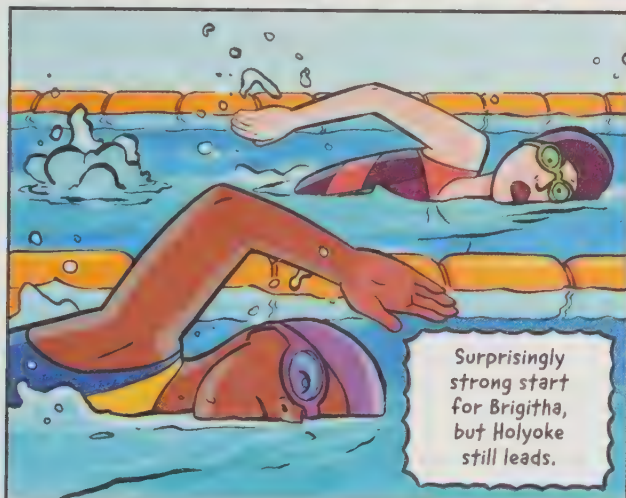


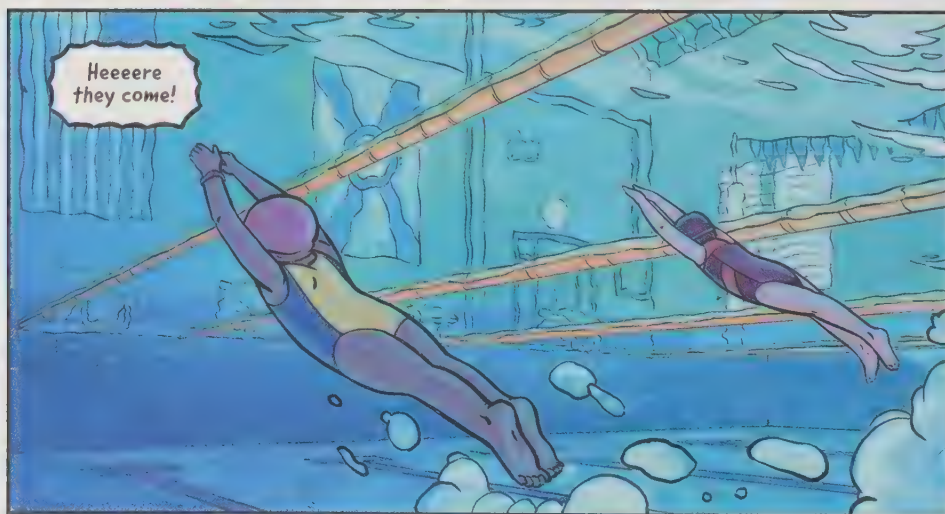
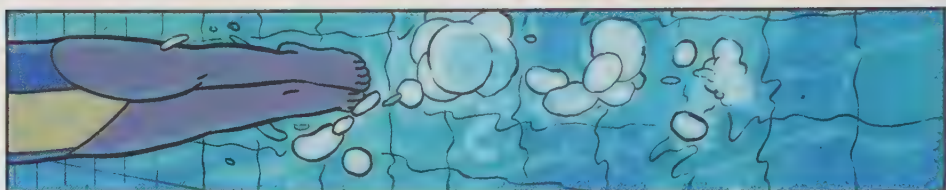
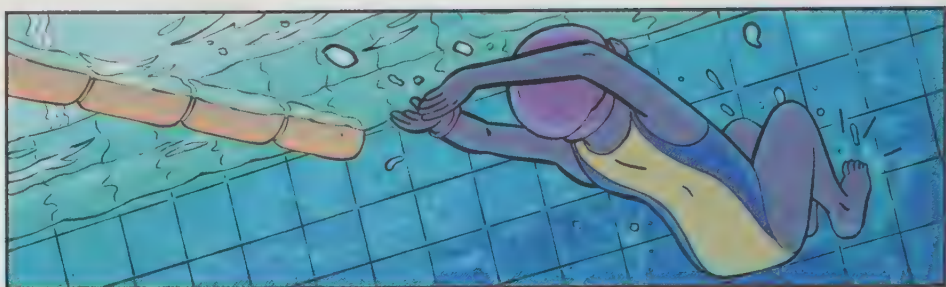


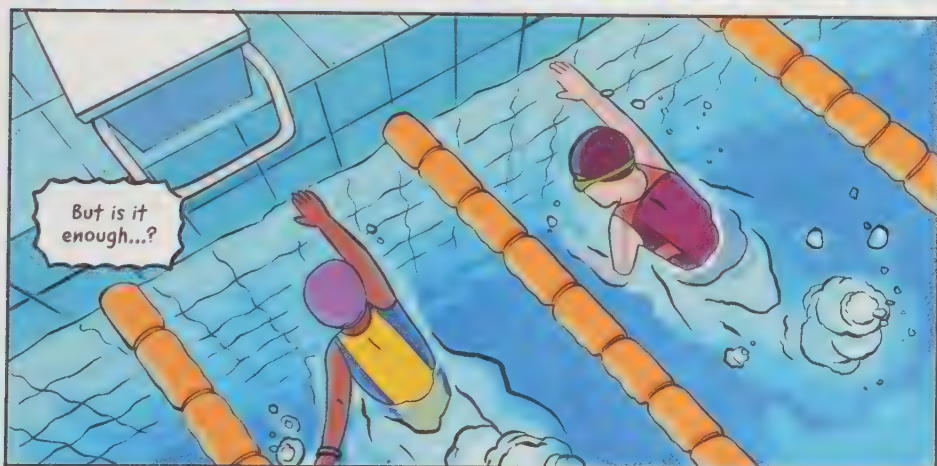
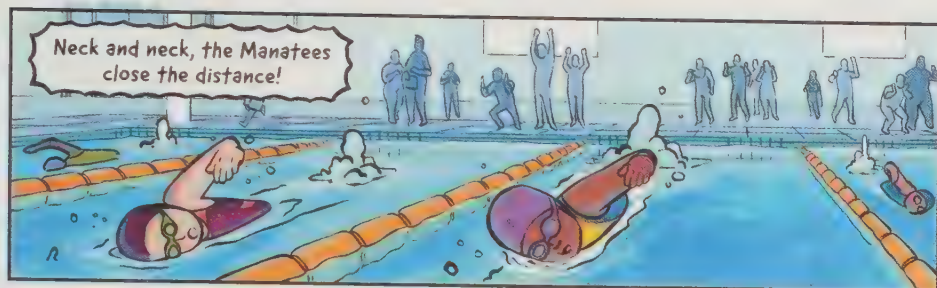


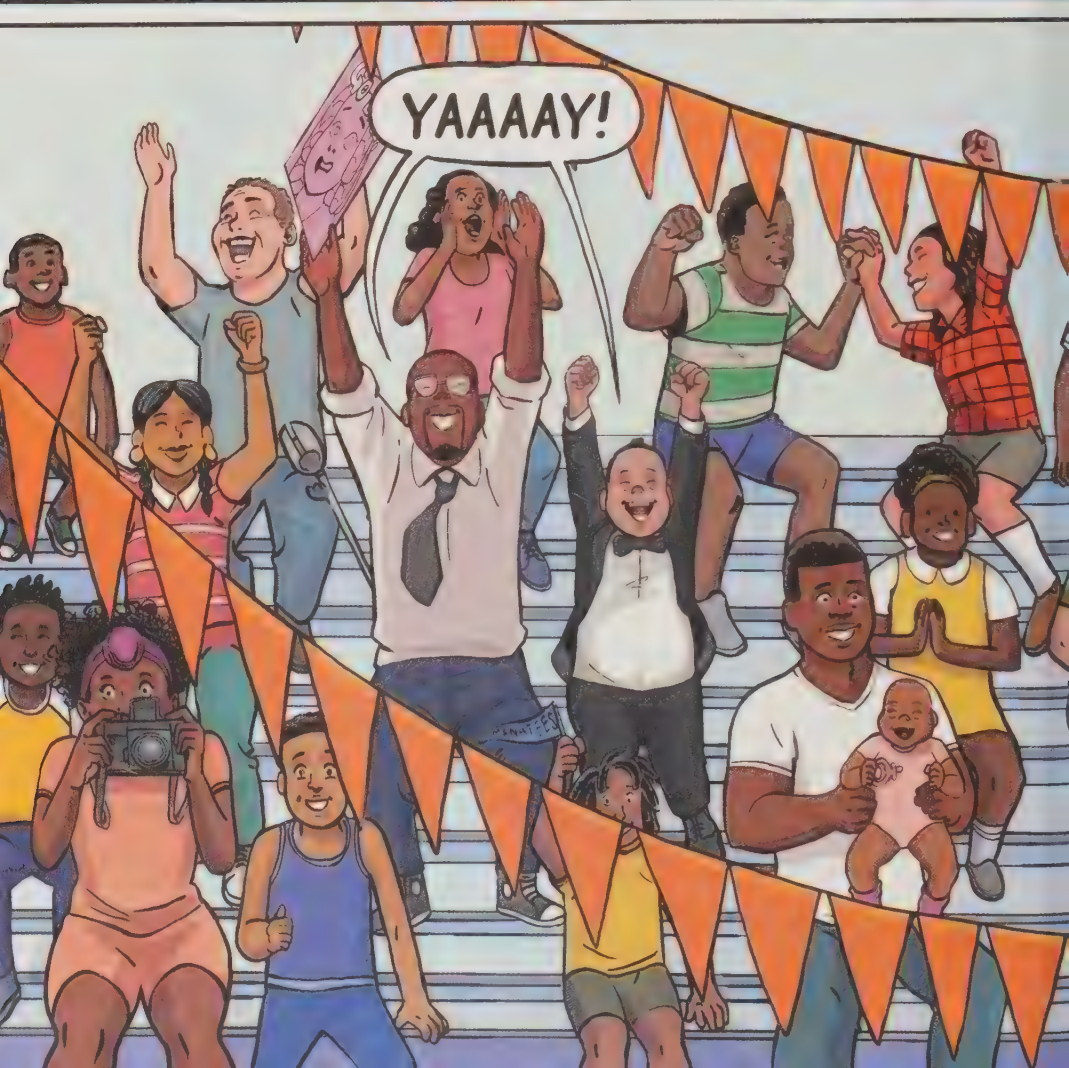








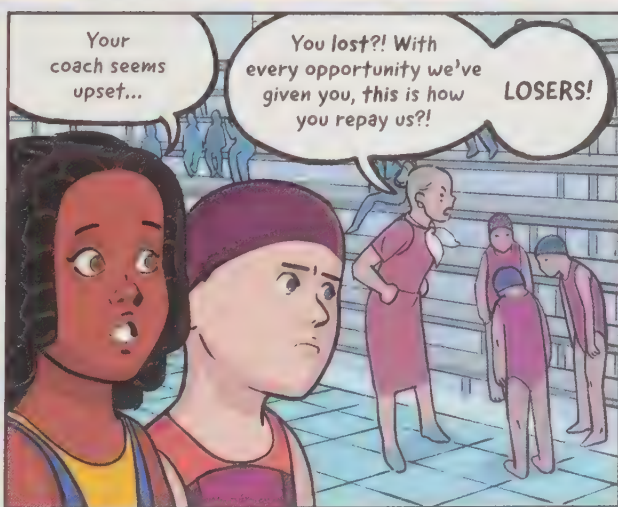


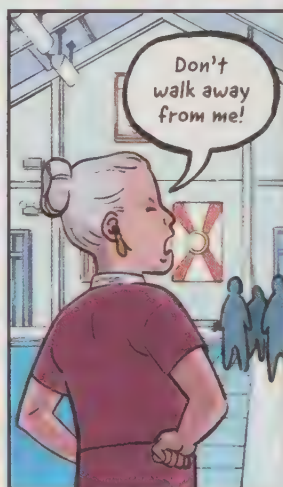
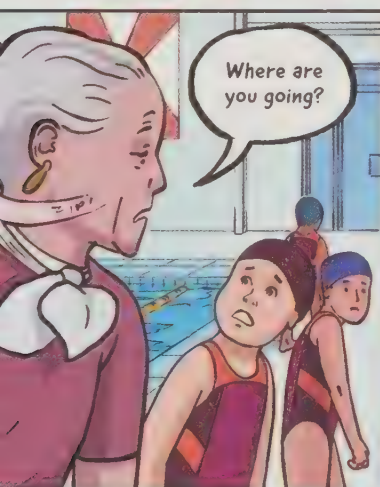




And our winner,
Enith Brigitha Middle!

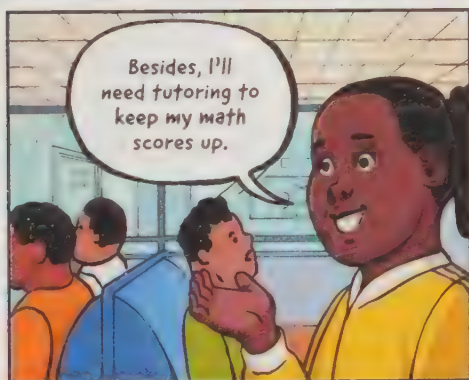












Epilogue

Lean back
a little,
Dad...

Like this?

You're doing great!
You'll be
swimming soon...

...You're
learning fast.
Piece by piece,
it's all...









Many thanks to:

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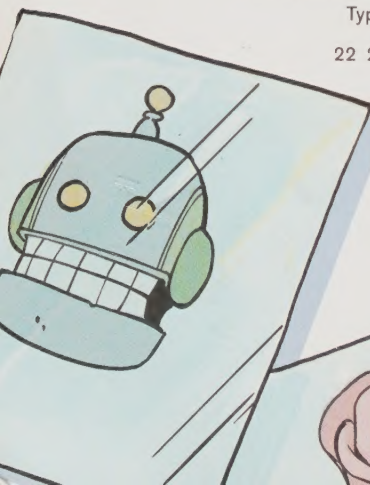
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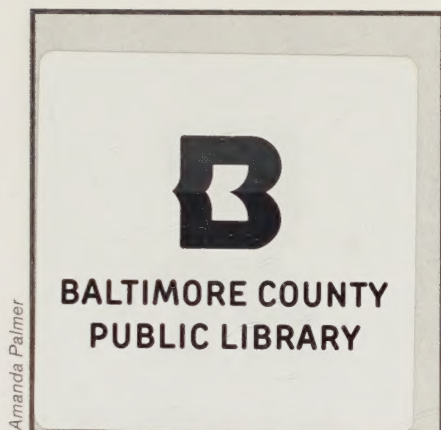
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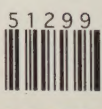
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